



City of Bowie

Swearing-In Ceremony of the Bowie City Council

**Monday, November 20, 2023
Council Chambers - 8 p.m.**

AGENDA

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. QUORUM**
- III. PRESENTATION OF COLORS AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**
- IV. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of June 20, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
 - B. Approval of July 3, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
 - C. Approval of July 10, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
 - D. Approval of August 14, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
 - E. Approval of August 28, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes
 - F. Approval of September 5, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
 - G. Approval of September 18, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
 - H. Approval of October 2, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
 - I. Approval of October 23, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes
- V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**
 - A. Certification of November 7, 2023 City of Bowie Election - Yolanda Jones, Chairperson, Board of Elections
- VI. PRESENTATIONS TO OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS**
- VII. REMARKS BY OUTGOING COUNCILMEMBERS**
 - A. Councilmember Henri Gardner
 - B. Councilmember Jarryd Hawkins
- VIII. SWEARING-IN CEREMONY**
 - A. Administration of Oath of Office by Mr. Gerry Mobley, Chief Deputy Clerk for Prince George's County Circuit Court, to Tim Adams
 - B. Administration of Oath of Office by Mayor Adams to:

Michael Estève	District 1
Dufour Woolfley	District 2
Clinton Truesdale, Sr.	District 3
Roxy Ndebumadu	District 4

Dennis Brady At-Large

Wanda Rogers At-Large

C. Remarks by Newly Elected Councilmembers

D. Remarks by Mayor Adams

IX. ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

A. Selection of Mayor Pro Tem

X. ADJOURNMENT

Note: The Ethics Commission has advised that under certain circumstances, members of the public may qualify as lobbyists when they testify before the City Council. If so, the Bowie Ethics Ordinance requires that certain information be filed with the Ethics Commission. Please review the information about lobbying that is provided with the City Clerk. If you have any questions about lobbying, please contact the Ethics Commission or the Assistant City Manager.

This meeting will be televised live on Verizon Channel 10 and Comcast Channel 71 and 996, repeated on 11/22/23 and 11/25/23 at 7:00 p.m., and [web-streamed live](#).

For a closed-captioned version of the meeting video, please go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofbowiemd/playlists> and select the 2023 Council Meetings list. Once the meeting video opens, be sure to click on “CC” button to turn on closed captioning.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOWIE CITY COUNCIL - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2023 - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 8:00 P.M.

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu, Councilmembers Estève, Gardner, Hawkins, Truesdale, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to appoint Ms. Susan Fru-Ndi to the Arts Committee for a - year term. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to appoint Ms. Elissa Dunston to the Diversity Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Richard Sexton was appointed during the May 1 meeting to the Board of Personnel Appeals for a 2-year term.

Mayor Adams swore in Ms. Fru-Ndi, Ms. Dunston, and Mr. Sexton to their respective committees.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Council thanked staff for their organization of the Juneteenth events around the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott thanked Council for their efforts and adoption of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Estève made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of May 1, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of May 8, 2023 Special Council Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of May 15, 2023 Council Meeting Minutes; D) Adoption of Proclamation P-12-23 Proclaiming June 19-25, 2023 as Pollinator Week in the City of Bowie; E) Adoption of Resolution R-36-23 Awarding a Contract

to A.C. Schultes of Maryland, Inc. for the Purchase of Equipment to Redevelop Well #5 in the amount of \$162,150; F) Adoption of Resolution R-42-23 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding With the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Concerning the Development of a State of Place Analysis for the City. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Revision to Specific Design Plan SDP-8945-08 (Ternberry) – The developer, A.R. Builders, is requesting the City's approval recommendation for a Specific Design Plan revision to approve architecture, access, house locations and landscaping on 11 vacant lots situated at several locations on Pennsbury Drive currently owned by NAHB Research Center, Inc. The development proposal includes seven single-family detached homes and four townhouse units on 1.3 acres, to be developed under the R-S (Residential Suburban) standards within the LCD (Legacy Comprehensive Design) Zone.

At the June 5th Council meeting, City Council concurred to have developers meet with HOA and residents of the community to better inform them of the development plans and come back before Council at the June 20th meeting with an updated presentation of their concept based on the meetings with HOA and residents. Mr. Edward Gibbs with the law firm, Gibbs and Haller, representing the developer, briefed the Council on their meeting, and addressed the questions and concerns of the residents and HOA.

Public Hearing:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu moved to approve SDP-8945-08. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

B. Introduction and Adoption of Emergency Ordinance O-10-23 Repealing Ordinance O-7-23, Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, and Ending June 30, 2023 to Appropriate Funds for Planning, Design, Engineering and Permitting Services for the City's New Single Sheet Ice Arena and Declaring the Ordinance and Emergency Ordinance so that it May Become Effective Immediately – Mr. Matthews, Finance Director, briefed Council on Emergency Ordinance O-7-23 and the reason why it needs to be adopted as an Emergency Ordinance in order to be able to execute the proper purchase orders before the end of Fiscal Year 2023.

Councilmember Woolfley moved to adopt Emergency Ordinance O-10-23. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

C. Adoption of Emergency Ordinance O-9-23 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2022, and Ending June 30, 2023, Embodied in Ordinance O-1-22, as Amended by Ordinance O-5-22, O-6-23 and O-7-23, to Authorize the Transfer of Certain Amounts in the FY 2023 Budget to Pay for Anticipated Expenses - Mr. Matthews, Finance Director, 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 1.79% percent of the adopted FY2023 final budget of \$102,462,800 (all funds).

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Esteve moved to accept the amendments reflected in amended Ordinance O-9-23. Councilmember Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote). Councilmember Esteve moved to adopt amended Ordinance O-9-23. Councilmember Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Briefing on County Transit System – Efon Epanty, Chief, Transit Planning & Innovation briefed Council on the County's plans to improve and expand public transportation in Prince George's County. The County's Transit Forward Initiative includes stakeholder engagement, full service improvements, and workforce development. They are also working closely with WMATA to redesign the County's bus network.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Epanty for his presentation.

B. Adoption of Resolution R-41-23 Adopting the Housing and Community Development Cares Act Amendment: FY2023 (HUD FY2022) Amended Annual Action Plan – Ms. Kay Starr, Grant Writer, summarized the resolution. The CARES Act allows for COVID-19 related pre-award costs for eligible reimbursable costs funded through CDBG-CV only. This does not apply to the City's 2019 and 2020 CDBG funds; pre-award costs are limited to no more than 25% or \$15,801 of the City's CDBG CV-4 grant amount. Some of the proposed projects include emergency food assistance and supplies for families and individuals in need, emergency housing, homeless services, and supplies assistance program.

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Esteve moved to adopt Resolution R-41-23. Councilmember Gardner second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to adjourn to closed session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7): "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice". Councilmember Gardner second the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
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: 6-20-23; Time: 9:07; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Estève Seconded by Gardner;
Members in favor: All Aye; 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) ☒	Consult with legal counsel	Discussion of litigation
§3-305(b) ☐		
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4. This statement is made by Jonathan J. Adams, Presiding Officer.

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: 9:13

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): (7) Consult with legal counsel

Members who voted to meet in closed session: TA, HG, JH, ME, DW, CT, RN

Persons attending closed session: TA, HG, JH, ME, DW, CT, McGarron, Levan, Cott, Mears

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (7)

Topics actually discussed: Litigation Status

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, July 3, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu, Councilmembers Estève (virtual), Gardner, Hawkins (virtual), Truesdale, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Councilmember Gardner motioned to amend the agenda and add a discussion under New Business A. supporting the renaming of Nash Woods Park after former Senator Douglas J.J. Peters. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Hawkins did not vote).

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Len Lucchi, Safety Turn – Spoke in support of renaming Nash Woods after former Senator Douglas J.J. Peters.
2. Monica Roebuck, Mont Clair – Spoke about a development work group that she formed to speak with residents about the types of developments they want in the city.
3. Cheryl Landis, Elara Ct - Spoke in support of renaming Nash Woods after former Senator Douglas J.J. Peters.
4. Leo Green, Jr., Babbitt Lane - Spoke in support of renaming Nash Woods after former Senator Douglas J.J. Peters.
5. Todd M. Turner, Russet Dr. - Spoke in support of renaming Nash Woods after former Senator Douglas J.J. Peters.
6. Senator Ron Watson - Spoke in support of renaming Nash Woods after former Senator Douglas J.J. Peters.
7. Pete Mellits, resident - Spoke in support of renaming Nash Woods after former Senator Douglas J.J. Peters.
8. Darryl Carrington, Hillmeade Rd - Spoke in support of renaming Nash Woods after former Senator Douglas J.J. Peters.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Tiffany Scales, from the Diversity Committee presented an excerpt on Disability Pride Month which is celebrated in the month of July.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to appoint Ms. Lydia Peters to the Arts Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Hawkins did not vote).

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to appoint Mr. Zach Lowe to the Board of Elections for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Esteve, Hawkins did not vote).

Mayor Adams swore in Ms. Peters and Mr. Lowe to their respective committees.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Gardner mentioned that Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu and himself along with Volunteers of America will be hosting an event this Friday, July 7, at Kenhill Center from 6-9pm to give out backpacks to children.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott did not have a report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Resolution R-32-23 Awarding a Contract to Sunset Landscaping for a Landscape Maintenance Program for a Bioretention System Which is Part of the Stormwater Management Program at the Kenhill Center in the Amount of \$10,565 and Providing for Options to Renew for Two Additional One-Year Terms; B) Adoption of Resolution R-33-23 Awarding a Contract to Magnolia Plumbing, Inc. for the Pumping, Hauling and Disposal of Scum from the Wastewater Treatment Plant and Sewer Pump Stations in the Amount of \$33,297 and Providing for Options to Renew for Two Additional One-Year Terms; C) Adoption of Resolution R-34-23 Awarding a Contract to ALS Group USA Corp., dba ALS Environmental for Analytical Laboratory Services and Support for the City's Water and Wastewater Treatment and Distribution System in the Amount of \$49,344 and Providing for Options to Renew for Two One-Year Terms; D) Adoption of Resolution R-35-23 Awarding Contracts to Kroeger Electric Company; A.C. Schultes of Maryland, Inc.; DSI, Inc.; IMACS, Inc. and Cross Technologies, Inc., dba Cross Company to Provide All Labor, Materials and Equipment to Provide On-Call Repair and Critical Electrical, Mechanical and Instrument and Control Services for the Water and Wastewater Treatment Systems for One Year with Option to Renew for Four One-Year Terms; E) Adoption of Resolution R-37-23 Awarding a Contract to A.C. Schultes of Maryland, Inc. for the Construction to Redevelop Well #5 in the Amount of \$207,990; F) Adoption of Resolution R-40-23 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie and Awarding a Contract to Granturk Equipment Company, Inc. in the Amount of \$1,104,000 for the Purchase of Four Refuse Trucks, by Piggybacking a Costars Pennsylvania Department of General Services Bid; G) Adoption of Resolution R-43-23 Waiving the Cooperative Bidding Requirements of Section 62 of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow for the Purchase of Thirteen (13) Police Vehicles Through a Howard County Procurement Contract; H) Adoption of Resolution R-44-23 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 62 "Cooperative Bidding" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow the Issuance of a Purchase Order for Police Vehicle Upfitting Services Through a

Howard County Procurement Contract; I) Introduction of Ordinance O-8-23 Granting a Renewal of a Cable Franchise to Comcast of Maryland, LLC and Authorizing a Franchise Agreement. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Esteve and Hawkins did not vote).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion on Renaming of Nash Woods Park after former Senator Douglas J.J. Peters - City Manager Lott commented that the property is not owned or maintained by the City, it falls under M-NCPPC jurisdiction.

Councilmember Gardner asked Mr. Lott if a letter of mutual understanding from the City would be needed for their consideration of this request. Mr. Lott responded that they could draft a letter to start the conversation.

Council concurred to direct staff to reach out to M-NCPPC about the process needed for renaming of the park after former Senator Peters and report back to Council.

B. Prince George's County's Notice Regarding the City's Participation as a Municipality in its HUD CDBG Programs (Cooperation Agreement) – Mr. Jesse Buggs, Grants Director summarized the agreement. The City of Bowie has its own Entitlement Community status with HUD and since 2003 has opted not to be included as a participant in the county's program. Once the city became large enough, it successfully applied to HUD for Entitlement Community status. The city's Entitlement Community status has allowed the city to accomplish many programs serving the residents of the City.

Councilmember Woolfley would like more ongoing dialogue to see if at some point it would be a good decision to fall under the partnership with the County for future grant projects, instead of being an Entitlement Community. He feels that the City has missed on potential funding that could have been used for the City's failing infrastructure.

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to approve signature and ongoing participation and that staff conducts a cost benefit analysis of our ongoing participation and review of alternatives for participation. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Historic Properties Presentation – Ms. Susan Proctor, Historic Properties Manager briefed Council on the City's Historic Properties facilities, programs and events that are offered as well as their future goals. The City has nine historic properties that conduct several events throughout the year. The future of this division is to increase the knowledge and telling of diverse stories, expand community engagement, continue developing community partnerships and maintaining a proactive approach to the restoration of historic properties.

Mayor Adams thanked Ms. Proctor for her presentation.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu motioned to adjourn to closed session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(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". Councilmember Truesdale second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Hawkins did not vote). The meeting adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

July 3, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

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UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

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1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 7-3-23; Time: 9:32; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Noboru Seconded by Truesdale;
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) ☒ 10	Discuss Public City Security	Discuss incident Response
§3-305(b) ☐		
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4. This statement is made by Jonathan J. Adams, Presiding Officer.

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- For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:

Time of closed session: 9:37pm

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): Discuss Public Security

Members who voted to meet in closed session: TAHG, JH, ME, DW, CT, RN

Persons attending closed session: TAHG, JH, ME, DW, CT, RN, Leven, Lott, Mours, Preston, Jefferson, Schwartz, Wall

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (10)

Topics actually discussed: Public Security

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 10, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, July 10, 2023, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu, Councilmembers Estève, Gardner (virtual), Hawkins, Truesdale, and Woolfley (virtual), City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Ruff (joined virtually at 8:50 p.m.), City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Wanda Rogers, President of GBCC – Spoke about the benefits of being part of the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Hawkins motioned to appoint Ms. Bettye Demps to the Community Recreation Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Gardner, Woolfley did not vote).
2. Councilmember Esteve motioned to appoint Ms. Nicole Thornton to the Education Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Woolfley did not vote).
3. Mayor Adams swore in Ms. Demps and Ms. Thornton to their respective committees.
4. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Linda Fuller, John Scoulios and Valerie H. Yancey to the Administrative Review Board for a 2-year term. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 (Gardner, Woolfley did not vote).
5. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Kathleen Parker to the Arts Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 (Gardner, Woolfley did not vote).
6. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Gail L. Elkins, Tiffany Monroe and Jacqueline M. Rhone to the Board of Personnel Appeals for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 (Gardner, Woolfley did not vote).

7. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Sharon Hunt to the Community Outreach Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 (Gardner did not vote).
8. Councilmember Hawkins moved the reappointment of Brittany Bunn and Bee Scott to the Diversity Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 (Gardner, Woolfley did not vote).
9. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Candi Dailey, Kevin Kennedy, Jr., Sherman Ragland, Andrew M. Roud and Alicia Stukes to the Economic Development Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 (Gardner, Woolfley did not vote).
10. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Elmer M. Dengler and Jacqueline Lord to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 (Gardner, Woolfley did not vote).
11. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Ismael "Vince" Canales, John P. "Jay" Fagan, Jr., Alan R. Kolski, Karl Stehmer and Daniel E. Thomas to the Ethics Commission for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 (Gardner, Woolfley did not vote).
12. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Carl Robinson to the Financial Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 (Gardner, Woolfley did not vote).
13. Councilmember Woolfley moved the reappointment of Robert Kellaway and Michael Laguna to the Green Team Executive Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 (Gardner did not vote).
14. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu moved the reappointment of John Eidsness and Michael Gregory Paines to the Information Technology Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 (Gardner did not vote).
15. Councilmember Hawkins moved the reappointment of Langston Clay and Jeffrey G. Cooper to the Public Safety Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 (Gardner did not vote).

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Adams congratulated the students that received awards and scholarships from the Inter-Faith Program.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott did not have a report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Esteve made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Resolution R-45-23 Awarding a Contract to DSI, Inc. to Repair Equalization Tank Flygt Pump #1 at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Amount of \$28,403.60; B) Adoption of Resolution R-46-23 Repealing Resolution R-41-23 and Adopting the Housing and Community Development Cares Act Amendment: FY 2021 (HUD FY 2020) Amended Annual Action Plan; C) Adoption of Resolution R-47-23 Approving Deed of Adjustment of Common Line of Division Between Parcels Owned by the City Known as the "Entzian Property. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Gardner did not vote).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Ordinance O-8-23 Granting a Renewal of a Cable Franchise to Comcast of Maryland, LLC, and Authorizing a Franchise Agreement – Ms. Mati Bazurto, Director of Business Operations summarized Ordinance O-8-23, granting a renewal of the renegotiated Cable Franchise Agreement with Comcast of Maryland, LLC (“Comcast”). The terms of the agreement are deemed favorable to the City, and it is in the best interests of the City, its residents, and businesses to renew the cable franchise with Comcast.

Public Hearing:

Since there were no speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Esteve motioned to adopt Ordinance O-8-23. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Lobbyists Briefing – Representatives from Cornerstone, the City’s lobbyist firm, presented a summary of legislative activity from the session and suggestions on how to prepare for next year. Despite projections of a budget surplus, Maryland experienced a sharp reduction of available funds by over \$1 billion this year. The Cornerstone Team secured \$500,000 for the City’s tuberculation request after working with the budget committees. Maryland Horse Racing Act extensions passed and SB0720 took effect July 1, 2023.

Councilmember Hawkins asked if there will be any issues for next year’s budget. Mr. PJ Hogan responded that he has heard of different scenarios but ultimately Maryland is in a good economy compared to other states.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu asked if the City is in good standing for future requests of Federal funding. Mr. Hogan responded yes, and the key is to prepare early for those requests.

Mayor Adams thanked Cornerstone for their presentation.

B. Bowie Race Track Property Task Force Recommendations – The Chair of the Bowie Race Track Property Task Force, Mr. Robert Day, presented the final findings and recommendations of the Task Force regarding future recreational uses of the Bowie Race Track property (see attached presentation).

Public Hearing:

1. Sham Chotoo, Bowie Boys and Girls Club – spoke in support of the recommendations and expanding the sport of cricket in the City.
2. Dennis Brady, Paisley Ln – spoke in support of the recommendations and keeping the residents engaged and informed of the process.

Since there are no other speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Woolfley asked with the recommendations of the fields and being in such close proximity of the river are there any thoughts if the fields would be surface fields or synthetic fields. Mr. Day responded that they are still studying and would depend on exact usage of the fields.

Councilmember Esteve motioned to accept the findings and recommendations of the Bowie Race Track Task Force for recreational use of the Bowie Race Track Property. Councilmember Hawkins seconded the motion. Councilmember Woolfley requested that the recommendations from staff be also accepted in the motion.

Councilmember Esteve modified his motion to accept the findings and recommendations of the Bowie Race Track Task Force as well as staff's recommendations. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

C. Retail Centers in Bowie – Mr. Marc Menick, President of KLNB, briefed Council on retail centers development, leasing and operations. Tenants gravitate to certain locations due to foot traffic, vehicle traffic, accessibility and convenience, demographics and market demand. Landlords select their tenants based on financial stability, tenant mix strategy, reputation and branding, tenant credit worthiness and their track record. Bowie is located in a good central location for future commercial growth.

Mayor Admas asked if there is anything the City needs to do to keep and improve our commercial sites. Mr. Menick responded that they should get to know their landlords and what they are looking for in tenants.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Menick for his presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu motioned to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Esteve second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Gardner did not vote). The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 14, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, August 14, 2023, in Room 243 at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu (arrive 8:03p.m.), Councilmembers Estève, Gardner, Hawkins, Truesdale, and Woolfley (virtual), City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan (joined virtually at 8:18 p.m.), City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

City Clerk Hernandez stated that three comments were received via email and are attached for the record.

1. Nedrea Scott – Spoke about safety concerns in the City.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Gardner motioned to adopt Proclamation P-13-23 Recognizing Random Acts of Kindness Club. Mayor Adams seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Councilmember Gardner presented the proclamation to the club representatives present.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Woolfley motioned to appoint Ms. Julie Gordon as a member of the Education Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Councilmember Esteve motioned to appoint Ms. Nedrea “Bee” Scott as a member of the Board of Elections for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Mayor Adams swore in Ms. Gordon and Ms. Scott to their respective committees.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu commented that she is working with staff to send letters to certain shopping centers in the City about the maintenance of their properties.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott did not have a report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

No items presented.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Renaming of Nash Woods Park – Mr. Joe Meinert, Planning Director, spoke with representatives of M-NCPPC in regard to renaming the park. Currently M-NCPPC has a policy which is under review for updating. The new proposed policy is more restrictive and will not allow for parks to be named after individuals. If Council so wishes, staff could proceed under the current policy and see if it will be accepted by M-NCPPC.

Council concurred to have staff prepare a letter to the County for consideration of renaming Nash Woods Park after former Senator Douglass J.J. Peters.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Transportation Priority List – Mr. Ridwan Coker, Transportation Specialist, gave the staff report and reviewed the City's list of priorities. Mr. Coker stated that he will prepare new letters to send to the County and the State with Council's recommendations. The City's highest transportation priorities continue to be MD 197, MD 450, and Church Road.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu has heard many concerns from citizens in District 4 about the lack of WMATA ridership because it takes so long for the buses to get to their destinations. Mr. Meinert responded that there are initiatives for better bus services.

Councilmember Esteve commented on the funding for Rt. 197 improvements which have been in the books for years and yet nothing has been accomplished. He would also like to request that sidewalks be extended to Sandy Spring Park on 7th Street and Chestnut Road.

B. Adoption of Resolution R-48-23 Approving the Draft FY2025-2028 (HUD FY2023-2027) Consolidated Plan and FY2024 (HUD FY2023) Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant Program – Mr. Jesse Buggs, Grants Director summarized the resolution. The City of Bowie receives Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds from the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) through an entitlement. The City of Bowie's Consolidated Action Plan for Housing and Community Development (Plan), Fiscal Year 2024-2028 will analyze housing, human services, and non-housing community development needs throughout the City, identify and prioritize community needs, and include a strategy to address those needs

Public Hearing:

Since there were no speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Esteve motion to adopt Resolution R-48-23. Councilmember Truesdale second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. City Council Legislative Priorities – The City Council would like to establish Legislative Priorities for the forthcoming legislative session. Council will provide more input to staff by August 21st.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu motioned to adjourn to closed session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(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”; §3-305(b)(3): “ To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto”. Councilmember Gardner second the motion. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

DATE: Monday, August 7, 2023

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

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

RE: V. Citizen Participation, August 7, 2023 Bowie City Agenda:
We Are Denied Virtual¹ Meeting Opportunities; Are We Not Taxpayers²

Cc: Tim Adams, Mayor
Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem & District 4 Councilmember Roxy Ndebumadu
Henri Gardner, At-Large Councilmember
Jarryd Hawkins, At-Large Councilmember
Michael Esteve, District 1 Councilmember
Dufour Woolfley, District 2 Councilmember
Clinton Truesdale, Sr., District 3 Councilmember
Public Files

Hi. This is Terry Nuriddin of Collington Station. I hope all is well for you and yours.

I am requesting the Bowie City Council support for the implementation of hybrid City Council Meetings and hybrid Prince George's County Council Meetings.

We Are Denied Virtual Meeting Opportunities; Are We Not Taxpayers?

By limiting citizen participation to in-person only, an important aspect of civic engagement is hindered, is denied. Government virtual meetings allow seniors with underlying conditions, such as ourselves, to participate in government affairs from the comfort of our homes. Others, too, such as young Mothers; those with disability or mobility issues; caregivers; and even those who do not drive, could possibly benefit from virtual civic engagement. And given climate challenges and high gas prices, virtual meetings should be embraced as a **wonderful citizen interacting tool**.

The technology is available. Just recently, we welcomed Mayor Adams to our July 2023 HOA hybrid meeting. Some were at the Clubhouse; some were on travel; and others were home. Yet, we had a **wonderful citizen interaction**.

Interestingly, some Maryland politicians insist that voters should not have to vote in-person.³ One could surmise that these politicians perceive voting as the extent of public civic engagement; but actually, **representative democracy just begins with the vote**.

I request your support for hybrid City Council Meetings and hybrid County Council Meetings.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

¹ Includes hybrid concept.

² Reminiscent of subscription ("Am I Not A Man And A Brother") on Wedgewood Slave Medallion by abolitionist Josiah Wedgewood in 1787 and later a concept version was used by Sojourner Truth (Isabella Baumfree) in her abolitionist speech "Ain't I A Woman?" in 1851.

³ Voters are encouraged to vote online or by mail.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Patrice Murray <littlemurray9@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, August 7, 2023 4:25 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: Mayor Tim Adams; Roxyndebumadu Postmaster; Henri Gardner; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Jarryd Hawkins; Clinton Truesdale
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Citizen Participation in City Council meetings

To Mr. Tim Adams, Mayor
Ms. Roxy Ndebumadu, Mayor Pro Tem
Council Members
Henri Gardner
Jarryd Hawkins
Michael Esteve
Dufour Woolfley
Clinton Truesdale

I am Patrice Murray, a Bowie resident residing in Collington Station, before you tonight in support of hybrid City Council meetings.

My concern is the limitation of Citizen Participation in the City Council meetings. As I prepared to attend the City Council meeting tonight, I thought better of venturing out due to the expected severe weather. Given my concerns, which are that the average tax-paying Bowie resident is not able to participate in the City Council meetings unless they are able to come in person to the meeting, the fact that I choose not to attend with the threat of severe weather speaks volumes to my point.

I find it odd that the Council members are able to attend and participate in the Council meetings virtually when they are not able to attend in person when the average Bowie citizen can not.

I submit to you that there are a number of citizens who might be unable to attend the meetings in person who would otherwise be active in the business of the City.

Please consider supporting the implementation of hybrid City Council meetings, which would allow a greater rate of participation in city business.

Patrice Murray
Jerimiah Lane
Bowie, MD 20721

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Awilda Hernandez

From: John P. <john.papagni@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 14, 2023 10:48 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Fwd: Transportation Priority Requests and Old Town Bowie

I'd like the below comments included in tonight's meeting record and shared with the Council.

Thank you,

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John Papagni
13027 6th Street
Bowie, MD 20720
410-563-2661
john.papagni@gmail.com

----- Forwarded message -----

From: John P. <john.papagni@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Aug 13, 2023 at 5:51 PM
Subject: Transportation Priority Requests and Old Town Bowie
To: Michael Esteve <mesteve@cityofbowie.org>

Dear Councilman Esteve:

Thank you for highlighting the planned August 14 City Council meeting with County and State officials in your Bowie News and Events email. As you know, maintenance and improvements to MD 564 in Old Town Bowie, and related bicycle and pedestrian safety enhancements have been a longstanding community concern.

Old Town Bowie has a number of great community assets including the Huntington Community Center, Town Green Park, the new 10th Street Park and the nearby Sandy Hill Project, currently under construction. However, cyclists and pedestrians interested in traveling between these locations will encounter barriers including missing and damaged sidewalks, and roadway with little or no shoulder, making travel hazardous.

It is vital that City, County and State of Maryland stakeholders include bicycle and pedestrian safety improvements as part of any planned maintenance and roadway improvements on MD 564.

Again, thank you for sharing information about Monday night's meeting. I look forward to learning more about local roadway improvements, and opportunities to engage in the planning process.

Sincerely,

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**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: 8-14-23; Time: 9:14; Location: City Hall; Motion to close meeting made by: Neubauer Seconded by Gardner; Members in favor: All Aye; 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	Personnel Evaluation
§3-305(b) ☒ 3	Land Acquisition	
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4. This statement is made by Jonathan J. Adams, Presiding Officer.

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: 9:30

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): (1) Personnel (3) Land Acquisition

Members who voted to meet in closed session: T A J H H G M E D W C T R N

Persons attending closed session: Adams, Gardner, Hawkins, Ester, Woolley, Trespale, Ndeburu, Meinst, Levan, Lott, Mearis

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

Topics actually discussed: _____

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 28, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, August 28, 2023, in Room 243 at City Hall. Councilmember Esteve called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Councilmember Esteve led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Councilmembers Estève, Gardner, Hawkins (virtual), Truesdale, and Woolfley (virtual), City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, and City Clerk Hernandez.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Council Legislative Priorities – City Council discussed their 2024 Legislative Priorities (list attached).

Councilmember Gardner motioned to accept the 2024 Budget Priorities. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Councilmember Truesdale motioned to accept the 2024 Policy Priorities. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Gardner motioned to adjourn the Special City Council meeting. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

City of Bowie

2024 Legislative Priorities

Budget Priorities

- Tuberculation - Funding Streams
- Police Recruitment Incentives, Police Equipment & Public Safety - Funding/ Grants/Supports
- Capital Improvements for Green Spaces and other capital projects (e.g. Ice Arena, equipment, police or utilities)
- Historic property renovation (White Marsh)
- Fire equipment for the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department to address electric vehicle fires

Policy Priorities

- Police Accountability Boards
- MD Horse Racing Act
- PFAS Testing
- Chesapeake Water Quality Goals

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at the Kenhill Center. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu, Councilmembers Estève, Gardner, Hawkins, Truesdale, and Woolfley, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Councilmember Gardner motioned to move New Business Item E to the September 18th meeting. Councilmember Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

City Clerk Hernandez stated that 41 comments were received via email and are attached for the record.

1. Meredith Kaunitz, Audubon Ln – Spoke in support of the tutoring program.
2. Brenee Ellis – Spoke in support of the tutoring program.
3. Vannessa Bowman – Spoke in support of the tutoring program.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Hawkins motioned to appoint Mr. John “Jay” Fagan, Mr. Karl Stehmer, Ms. Mia Russell and Ms. Auvonett (Toni) Jones to the Board of Elections for a 2-year term. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu swore in the members to the Board of Elections.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Gardner asked staff if there are any procedures in place for active shooter safety at City Hall. Assistant City Manager Mears that that is something that cannot be discussed in open session but can provide the information to Council under separate cover.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu commented on clean-up improvements at certain shopping centers in the City.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Assistant City Manager Mears commented that the A/V installation in Council Chambers at City Hall are nearing completion and the room will be available for the September 18th meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of June 5, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes; B) Adoption of Resolution R-49-23 Awarding a Contract Renewal for Street Resurfacing; C) Adoption of Resolution R-50-23 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Frederick Ward Associates, Inc. in the Amount of \$162,000 for Task Order #1 Professional Services-Development Plan Review, Engineering & Design Services in Accordance With the Master Contract Approved on June 19, 2019; D) Introduction of Emergency Ordinance O-11-23 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024, As Embodied in Ordinance O-5-23, to Appropriate Funds for the Following Projects and Purchases: An Additional \$28,100 for an Aerial Lift Truck for Parks and Grounds; an Additional \$28,400 for Upfitting of Thirteen (13) Replacement Police Vehicles; an Additional \$100,800 for Automated Speed Camera Program Services; and to Appropriate \$162,200 for the Well #5 Equipment Purchase. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Maryland Tech Council – Ms. Kelly Schulz briefed Council on the programs available under the Maryland Tech Council. Bowie BIC is a member as well as many of the small businesses in the City. Prince George's County is a chapter of the Maryland Tech Council and Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu is helping to steer this chapter.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu thanked Ms. Schulz for the presentation.

B. After-School Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students – Mr. Scott Rechler with LearnServe presented to Council an overview of the program. The program will be for 10 Bowie high school students to join the 2023-24 LearnServe Fellows Program, a year-long, extracurricular leadership and social entrepreneurship training program. Students may attend Bowie High School or be Bowie residents attending charter or private high schools elsewhere in the county or region. The program also includes a social impact hackathon which is a half-day social innovation design sprint – for a larger group of high school students from Bowie. The cost of the overall program will be \$52,000.

Councilmember Gardner asked who selects the students that participate in the program. Mr. Rechler responded that they will get guidance from the community on the selections.

Councilmember Woolfley asked about how many students participate in the program. Mr. Rechler responded that from the region which is DC, Maryland, and Virginia they had about 70 students participate.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu spoke about the opportunities that students of Bowie can receive by being part of this program.

Councilmember Esteve asked staff if there is a process for funding grants. Assistant City Manager Mears stated that Council approves certain funding for grants through the budget process via city committees and departments.

Councilmember Esteve motioned to direct staff to meet with Prince George's County and the group to discuss the parameters of service-learning programs for Bowie residents and Prince George's residents as well as possible funding opportunities. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion failed 2-4 (Gardner, Hawkins, Ndebumadu, Truesdale).

Councilmember Hawkins motioned to direct staff and the City attorney to discuss parameters for grant funding and budget amendment process and report back at the September 18th meeting. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

C. Mentoring Through Athletics – Mr. Ashley Montgomery with Mentoring Through Athletics organization briefed Council on their after-school tutoring program. The Learn Through Play (L.T.P.) Program is designed to revolutionize the way tutoring is done by incorporating physical sport activities in the learning modules. Mentoring Through Athletics is a Bowie based non-profit organization that has been providing sports mentoring to the student athletes of Prince George's County community since 2013. will be working with Bowie students in 3rd grade - 8th grade for the 2023-2024 school year to provide quality academic support. The student groups will be referred to as learning teams and they will meet twice a week. The program will cost \$25,000.

Councilmembers Esteve and Woolfley expressed their concerns on the funding for the program and not having been done through the budget process, especially for the large amounts being requested.

Councilmember Esteve motioned to have staff work with Mr. Montgomery on the parameters of the program and the funding. Councilmember seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1 (Woolfley).

D. Coursera Program Overview and Next Steps – Mr. Jesse Buggs, Grants Director, and Ms. Kay Starr, Grants Writer, briefed Council on the progress of the program. On May 17, 2021, Council directed staff to establish a one-year Pilot Workforce Training Program with a budget of \$50,000 to offer free virtual/online job training to City residents to enhance their employment and employability prospect through a skill certification and training program. The program would be designed to facilitate those seeking employment, upskilling, or interested in switching jobs or industries with these new skills and/or credentials. The program ran for a period of one year, with 341 persons applying for the program and 275 of the 341, were eligible Bowie residents. In regard to completion of courses 47 completed over four courses, 2 completed three and two courses and 112 did not complete any of the courses signed up for.

Councilmember Gardner asked if anyone received a job because of a course they took in the program. Ms. Starr responded that that information is not available.

Councilmember Gardner motioned to move forward with an additional year of services for the Coursera program with stipulations that staff come back to Council with information of the services at the November 27th meeting. Councilmember Hawkins seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular Council meeting. Councilmember Esteve second the motion. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Awilda Hernandez

From: Kyla Johnson <kylanicolej@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 11:18 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Tuesday's City Council Hearing

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!

**Sincerely,
Kyla**

Kyla J. Rittenhouse
kylanicolej@gmail.com
(301)385-9442

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Anne Deno <annemdeno@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 7:50 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After School Programs

To whom it may concern,

I urge the city council to vote in favor of the two agenda items focused on creating after school programs for kids and the continuation of the Coursera workforce development program.

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Joyce Nkem <joycemikenkem@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 7:51 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Supporting upcoming agenda items

Good evening City Clerk,

My name is Joyce. My husband and I live in Devonshire Estates in District 4. I am writing to urge the City Council to vote in favor of creating the youth after school programs and continuation of Coursera.

Thanks! We look forward to a favorable outcome.

Sent from my iPhone

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Christopher Ijomah <maxzylc@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 7:59 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Rosann Ndebumadu
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Citizen Participatio

Hello City Clerk,

I am writing to support the upcoming agenda items to create youth after school program and continue the Coursera program. I am a resident of district 4.

Thanks.

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Thomas Kolawole Daniel <kolawole1010@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 3, 2023 8:08 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Rosann Ndebumadu
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Upcoming agenda

Hello City Clerk,

I support Mayor Pro Tem Roxy's effort to partner with MTA and LearnServe to create an after school program. Let's get it done! Our kids need this. I also applaud the continuation of Coursera. People got jobs! Help the community.

Thanks.

Thomas Kola Daniel.

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Pepper Zone <thepepperzone@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 3:01 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: City Council' agenda

Hello, my name is Claudette M. Tonkins. I've been a resident of Bowie since January 1996. I would like to go on record as supporting the Mentoring Through Athletes after school program that is on the City Council's agenda. This is a much needed program for our community.

Thank you

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Awilda Hernandez

From: brenee montgomery <breneetheceo@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 3:47 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: BOWIE resident

Hello my name is Brenee' Montgomery and I am a resident of Bowie, MD. I want to go on record as supporting the after school program that is on the City Council's agenda. This is much needed program for our community, seeing the direct impact it had on children's lives was so fulfilling. Our kids need to feel apart of the community young and continue to pave the way, so when they become adults they will sit on our city council and mayor boards.

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Amanda Wright <alwright4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 7:58 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: City Council Hearing - 9/4 - Mentoring Through Athletics

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing in support of the following agenda items listed on tomorrow's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!

Sincerely,
Amanda W.

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Jones, Edward D. (Trip Center) <EDJones@co.pg.md.us>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 11:35 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After School Program

Good Morning,

Hello, my name is Edward Jones and I am a resident of Bowie, MD. I want to go on record as supporting the after-school program that is on the City Council's agenda. This is much much-needed program for our community.

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Ed Jones

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Coach Jones <nationalathleticsent@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 4, 2023 11:51 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After School Program

Good Morning,

My name is Coach Jones, and I've been a resident of Bowie for over 20 years. I would like to go on record as supporting the after-school program on the City Council's agenda. This program is needed for the Community and will be great for our students.

Coach Ed Jones
South Bowie Boys and Girls Club.

Compose:
After School Program

cityclerk@cityofbowie.org

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Beltway Driving Academy <beltwaydriving@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:00 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After School Program

Good Morning,

My name is Edward Jones, I am a current resident of Bowie and a local Business owner in Bowie (Beltway Driving Academy). On behalf of Beltway Driving Academy and its staff located in Bowie; we want to go on record as supporting the after-school program that is on the City Council's agenda. This program is needed for the community.

Ed Jones
Owner, Beltway Driving Academy
Staff of Beltway Driving Academy.

Compose:
After School Program

cityclerk@cityofbowie.org

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Maceo Bacote <maceobjr@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 7:36 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Voting Yes to Invest in Community

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!

Sincerely,

Maceo Bacote Jr.

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Denise Lovell <dlflove10@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:14 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: after school funding

Good morning,

I am in support of the after school funding program.

Denise Lovell

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Awilda Hernandez

From: A LG <analeonzo45@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 8:15 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After school program

I support the after school program to show academic support to the students this year.

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Awilda Hernandez

From: rswright809@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:03 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: City Council Hearing - 9/4 - Mentoring Through Athletics

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing in support of the following agenda items listed on today's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!

Sincerely,

Raoul Wright

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Megan Lanier <meganlanier1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:31 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After school & Coursera programs

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I personally benefitted from the Coursera program last year and found it very valuable. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!

Sincerely,

Megan Lanier, resident District 1

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Lee <jldg@proton.me>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 9:38 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Tonight's city council meeting
Attachments: publickey - EmailAddress(s=jldg@proton.me) - 0x6CFE0A70.asc; signature.asc

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!"

I was one of the participants in the Coursera Workforce Development Program and greatly benefited from it. I was able to complete several certificate programs during that time and would appreciate being able to make use of it again along with other city residents.

Sincerely,

Lee Donaldson

Awilda Hernandez

From: Laura Alarcon <lauraalarcon1710@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 10:02 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Legislation for Youth after school programs and more workforce development opportunities

"Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!"

Sincerely,
Laura Alarcon

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Cathy Harvey <cab.harvey@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 10:18 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Agenda Items

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

I was fortunate to be able to participate in the Coursera Workforce Development Program last year. The classes I selected helped me to learn valuable skills that I am able to use at work.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!"

Sincerely,

Ms. Catherine Banach

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Shereta Clark <shereta@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 10:30 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Youth after school programs and more workforce development opportunities

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!"

Sincerely,
Shereta Clark

Below and attached are more information regarding these programs...

D) Coursera Workforce Development Program: Last year we provided free access to Coursera, a platform that helps people gain new job skills through online courses. Throughout the program we maintained a waitlist of residents who wanted to gain access. This program lasted for one year and ended in April 2023. Over 300 residents gained certificates in new skills to boost their resumes.

B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students: Through a partnership with LearnServe, the City of Bowie will create an after-school program open to 10 students across the City of Bowie at any school for one year starting in October, one day a week. In addition to this fellowship, this partnership will also invite 40 high school students across the City of Bowie to participate in a social impact hackathon for one day.

C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program: Through a partnership with Mentoring Through Athletics, the City of Bowie will create an after-school program open to 250 middle school students across the City of Bowie for one year starting in October, two days a week. This program will be hosted at Pointer Ridge Elementary School.

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Tanika L. Smith <tanikalsmith@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 10:41 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Show of Support

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to **strongly support** the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue **to uplift and empower** the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs! Moreover, I look forward to helping however I can.

Sincerely,
Tanika L. Smith
2902 Belair Drive

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Brian Hauer <brian.hauer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 11:01 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Vote

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!

Sincerely,
Brian Hauer

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Erica Rancore <erica.rancore@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 11:15 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After School Program funding

Hello,

My name is Erica Rancore and I am a resident of Bowie Maryland. As I will be unable to attend the meeting in person today, I want to go on the record as supporting the after school program that is on the City Council's agenda. This is a much needed program for our community. Many children will benefit greatly from this program.

Thank you so much for your attention to this matter,

Erica Rancore

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Jamilah Torain <jproctor101@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 11:18 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: In Support of Agenda Items 9/5/23 - Community Programming

Greetings City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs.

Sincerely,

Jamilah Proctor Torain

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Jacqueline Ashton <jacqueline_ashton@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 11:20 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: City Council Hearing - Agenda Items

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to support the following agenda items listed on today's City Council Hearing:

B) After School LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School students; C) Mentoring Through Athletics After School Program; D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and to provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs.

Sincerely,
Jacqueline Ashton

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Alicia <aliciallyons@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 11:46 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: City of Bowie City Council Hearing

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!"

Sincerely,
Mrs. Alicia Lyons

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Angela Flanagan <diva4wisdom@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:34 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After school program

I am in support of the proposed after school program funding, that is on the council's agenda.

Thanks
Angela Flanagan

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Ryan LEE <reggymarticus@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 12:39 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: I need this to pass.

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!"

Sincerely,
Ryan O. Lee

Thank you, have a great day.

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Chanel Sartor <chanel.sartor@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 1:02 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Support for the Continuation of Coursera Workforce Development and Youth After-School Programs

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!

Sincerely,
Chanel Sartor

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Cheryl Moore <cherylandlawrence@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 1:32 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Workforce Development and Youth After-School Programs!

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!"

Sincerely,
Lawrence & Cheryl Moore

"I am no longer accepting the things I cannot change. I am changing the things I cannot accept." -Angela Davis

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Tonda Shine <tns110@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 1:45 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Re: Workforce Development and Youth After-School Programs

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!"

Sincerely,
Tonda Shine, Bowie Resident

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Eva Castillo <evacastill0@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 1:47 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Today's City Council Hearing
Attachments: Dear City Clerk.pdf

Good Afternoon Clerk,

Please see the attached letter for today's hearing. If you require additional information, please let me know.

Kind Regards,
Eva Castillo

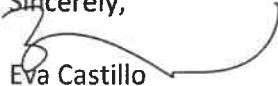
Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

I personally utilized the Coursera Workforce Development Program, and it helped me tremendously as I worked on my transition from the military into the workforce. Additionally, I have 2 children that could benefit from the programs. I am all for keeping them occupied and providing outlets.

These programs are vital to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!"

Sincerely,


Eva Castillo
904-428-8090

Awilda Hernandez

From: Dee Omo <deeomo@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:27 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Re: Support for Workforce Development and Youth After-School Programs

Dear City Clerk,

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Sincerely,
Edoghogho Dominica Omoruyi, Esq.

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Lori Mabry <prgeneral827@outlook.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:21 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Continued Workflow Development Programs

Dear City Clerk,

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Sincerely,
Lori Mabry

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Awilda Hernandez

From: lisa babin <lisababin56@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:27 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Supporting the 3 Programs - Vote Yes

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Sincerely,

Lisa S. Babin
Covington Unite

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Richard Rittenhouse <rittenra@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 3:32 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}; Proposed After School Funding Agenda Item

Dear City Clerk,

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Sincerely,
Richard Rittenhouse

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Bettye Demps <covingtoncondoassoc2013@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:03 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: WorkForce Development and Youth After School Programs

"Dear City Clerk,

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Regards,

Bettye J Demps

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Milly Hall <hallmilly@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:36 PM
To: Timothy Adams; Roxy Ndebumadu; Jarryd Hawkins; Henri Gardner; Clinton Truesdale; Dufour Woolfley; Michael Esteve
Cc: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: 9/5/2023 City Council Hearing - Support of Workforce Development and Youth After-School Programs! (Citizen's Participation)
Attachments: Bowie City Council Meetinf B.pdf; Bowie City Council Meetinf C.pdf; Bowie City Council Meetinf D.pdf

Milly Hall

14404 Dunstable Court
Bowie, Maryland 20721

September 5, 2023

(C)

Dear Mayor, Mayor Pro Tem Council members and City Clerk,

I am writing on behalf of my family and myself, we support the following agenda items listed on Tuesday's City Council Hearing: B) After-school LearnServe Fellowship Program for Bowie High School Students C) Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program D) Coursera Workforce Development Program.

We need these programs in order to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in our community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in our community and approve these programs!" I am send-ing a letter for each one.

Sincerely,

Milly Hall and Family

Awilda Hernandez

From: Julie Gordon <juliegordon314@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 4:50 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Support for after school programs and workforce development opportunities

Dear City Clerk,

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Sincerely,
Julie Gordon

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Awilda Hernandez

From: carolyn wallace <ladyinwaiting_7@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 5:15 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: carolyn wallace
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Re: Today's City Council Hearing] Please Support the Continuation of Coursera Workforce Development and Youth After-School Programs!
Attachments: Bowie City Council COURSERA.docx

"Dear City Clerk,

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Sincerely,
Your name

Ms. Carolyn Y. Wallace

5 September 2023

Awilda Hernandez

From: Toya McKoy <zumbabytoya@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 5, 2023 2:10 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Support of Mentoring Through Athletics After- School program

Dear City Clerk,

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Sincerely,
Toya McKoy

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, September 18, 2023, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu, Councilmembers Estève, Gardner (arrived 8:06 p.m.), Hawkins, Truesdale, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Adams requested to move New Business Item C – City’s Traffic Calming Policy Discussion to the October 2nd Council meeting.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

City Clerk Hernandez stated that 2 comments were received via email and are attached for the record.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu commented on her support of the City sponsoring after school programs for children in the City.

CITY MANAGER’S REPORT:

City Manager Lott commented that staff is hard at work in implementing the objectives in the FY 2024 budget.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Gardner motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Resolution R-52-23 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. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Emergency Ordinance O-11-23 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023 and Ending June 30, 2024, As Embodied in Ordinance O-5-23, to Appropriate Funds for the Following Projects and Purchases: An Additional \$28,100 for an Aerial Lift Truck for Parks and Grounds; An Additional \$28,400 for Upfitting of Thirteen (13) Replacement Police Vehicles; An Additional \$100,800 for Automated Speed Camera Program Services; and to Appropriate \$162,200 for the Well #5 Equipment Purchase – City Manager Lott summarized Ordinance O-11-23.

Public Hearing:

1. Leslie Kaunitz – Spoke in support of the ordinance.

Since there were no more speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to adopt Ordinance O-11-23. Councilmember Gardner second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Mentoring Through Athletics Grant Program – Ms. Lori Cunningham, Acting Assistant Director of Community Services summarized the ordinance and resolution. City Council tasked the City staff with creating guidelines for a grant and funding program for Mentoring Through Athletics. Emergency Ordinance O-12-23 proposes allocating \$25,000 from the City's unappropriated fund balance to amend the Fiscal Year 2024 budget. This allocation will provide the necessary funds for the City Council to award the grant. Resolution R-51-23 aims to direct the City Manager to enter into a Grant Agreement with Mentoring Through Athletics to implement the grant described in the agreement.

Public Hearing:

1. Sue Livera – Spoke against the way this funding was done.
2. Stephen Wehrenberg – Spoke against the way funding is being allocated.
3. Leslie Kaunitz – Commented that the program should be funded by the County and not the City.
4. Ashley Montgomery – Program Director is in support.
5. Meredith Kaunitz – Spoke in support of the program.
6. Amanda Wright – Spoke in support of the program.

Since there were no more speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu asked City Attorney if there is anything in the City Charter or City Code specifically applying to funding of grants. City Attorney Ruff responded that she is not aware of any. City Manager Lott responded that if there was one, it would be in the City Code not the Charter. Council establishes what the criteria would be for any grants that Council would like funding for.

Councilmember Esteve stated that he has no issues with the program, just the way it was presented and the process that was taken for the funding.

Mayor Adams motioned to amend Ordinance O-12-23 striking the Whereas, Section 12 “Procedure for enacting ordinances,” of the City Charter provides that an ordinance cannot be adopted at the meeting at which it is introduced, except that in cases of emergency determined by the council, the waiting period requirement may be suspended by the unanimous vote of the members of the Council who are present, and introducing it as only an Emergency Ordinance that will be adopted at the next

Council meeting in October and become effective that night. Councilmember Hawkins second the motion. Motion passed 5-2 (Esteve, Woolfley). No action was taken on Resolution R-51-23.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Interfaith Coalition of Bowie – Councilmember Esteve commented that the group withdrew their request to come before Council.

B. Streetlight LED Lightbulb Replacement – City Manager Lott commented that several residents have complained about streetlights with LED bulbs that are too bright and would like them changed. Staff is working on being able to dim the brightness and redirect the lights.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting and move to close session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7): “To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice”. Councilmember Truesdale second the motion. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Awilda Hernandez

From: The Black's <rdbwish1@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2023 6:07 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Speeding in saddlebrook west.

I really do not know if this going to make any difference but I will try again. Please listen when I say that claiming needs to be done on River Park Road. The street loops around the entire community and it is a free for all. I have ask for Bowie to put the solar signs left and right mid way. One was placed by the pool and indeed it got people attention and they slowed down. As soon as it was removed it is back to a free for all. Someone is gonna get hurt or worse. When you all do your surveys it is not at the correct times. It has to be a all day process. The motorists also turn into the community and floor it. Why can't we get the claiming items without giving up our first born. The people that are concerned are not lying. Just because you do not see it does not mean it's not happening. And the percentage you need to get approval is outrageous. The process is outrageous. The people that do not agree are the ones speeding. If you go to slow they try to pass you on a residential street. I and our hoa have been begging for this. I have lived here 22 years and gets worse every year. I'm thru begging now I'm blaming. If someone looses a child, a family member etc remember how many times we have tried to remedy the situation only to be met with red tape.

Concerned neighbor Renee Black

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Awilda Hernandez

From: LYT <lthompsonbiz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 3:31 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}; Bowie Traffic in the E Section

Good day,

I am sending this message in response to the speeding and other traffic issues in Bowie.

When Mayor Tim Adams took office he held listening sessions across Bowie to hear the citizens concerns in the city. I attended the session at the old City Hall building and expressed my concern for the traffic along Mitchellville and Excalibur Roads. The session was held pre-pandemic and the situation has gotten even worse. These road ways are continually unsafe for pedestrians, especially children. Numerous times I have watched children attempt to cross the street to catch the school bus or to visit friends. The rate of speed most cars travel along these roads make it hard for me as an adult to cross, so one can only imagine how hard it is for children. Cars running up on the sidewalk near Mitchellville and Excalibur has to make it hard for seniors to simply come out for exercise. I have legally been in the crosswalk at Mitchellville Road and cars have continued to coast through the intersection almost hitting me.

As I travel through Bowie the rate of speed and lack of awareness from drivers makes me want to stay home or take care of business in other parts of the county or even Annapolis. The City must be beyond the point of coming up with a plan. The planning phase was when I mentioned it several years ago during the listening session. It's time to act. The act must be more than a non-working speed limit board, which has since been removed near the Walmart. The act must be more than Bowie Police allowing people to drive erratically passed them. The act has to be full engagement as the city/county have approved the Mill Branch Project, housing at the Bowie Town Center. We do not have the adequate resources to support the increase in any of the areas where new housing/businesses are being established. Grocery stores being moved to where new housing is being built which will create more food deserts across the county/city, overcrowding in schools (yes the city can press the county to bring more schools with all of the building occurring in Bowie), growth in south Bowie that is not bringing any real viable business solutions only more fast food, and safety in the city is very low. While I voted in favor of the police department I think it's time for the department to be absorbed into PG County Police Department.

I truly pray and hope the Mayor, Mayor Pro Temp, City Council and other officials will use this as an opportunity to truly take time to repair and restore Bowie to the once great, beautiful city that it once was.

I look forward to seeing the changes forthcoming in the very near future.

Enjoy your day.

Leslie Thompson

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Awilda Hernandez

From: william boyer <william62_99@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 3:20 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After school program

We support it!! Wm and Mary Ann Boyer

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Heather Hart <heatahart@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 16, 2023 9:12 AM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Support of the After school Program

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident writing to support the creation of an after-school pilot program for the 2023-2024 academic year that will support 120 children from 3rd through 8th grade. I urge the Bowie City Council to approve the budget amendment ordinance that allocates \$25,000 to the program partner in order to fund this program. We would like to see stipulations set to ensure the success and advise Council to begin lobbying Prince George's County and our General Assembly to fully fund larger after-school programs for City of Bowie residents.

We need these programs in order to continue to provide for City of Bowie families. Families are in need now. This program provides immediate relief, helps keep Pointer Ridge Elementary open, and supports single parent households. I encourage the council to vote yes to approve the budget amendment ordinance that allocates \$25,000 to the program partner in order to fund this program.

Sincerely,
Heather Hart-Ali
Bowie Resident

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Mel Haft <melvinhaft@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 17, 2023 4:46 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Michael Esteve
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: DC \$52,000 Program Grant

What would be the details of what is to be taught? Seems shadowy, meaning not fully transparent. And I agree, first priority given to Bowie grants. Shelve it for now.

Mel Haft
Whitehall

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Awilda Hernandez

From: mlsmitheq.law@protonmail.com
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 2:12 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Sept 18 Council Meeting - comments

I am writing in opposition to the last minute and extravagant grant request for \$25,000 for an "athletic- mentoring program" at Pointer Ridge Elementary. This application is suspect in the amount sought, the deliberately 12th hour submission, the total lack of explanation as to the origin of and connections this "group" may have with any member(s) of the Council or their families (or the City of Bowie), and the fact that the Council is even willing to consider this line-jumping request to the exclusion of other Bowie organizations that follow the rules in requesting taxpayer subsidies for their endeavors. As a taxpayer, I am opposed. As a voter, I have serious reservations about the judgment of any Council members who support ramming through this boondoggle.

M L Smith
12317 Tilbury Ln
Bowie MD 20715

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Amanda Wright <alwright4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 3:43 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Budget Amendment - MTA After School Program

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing again to support the creation of an after-school pilot program for the 2023-2024 academic year that will support 120 children from 3rd through 8th grade. I urge the Bowie City Council to approve the budget amendment ordinance that allocates \$25,000 to the program partner in order to fund this program. We would like to see stipulations set to ensure the success and advise Council to begin lobbying Prince George's County and our General Assembly to fully fund larger after-school programs for City of Bowie residents.

Families are in need now. This program provides immediate relief, helps keep Pointer Ridge Elementary open, and supports single parent households. I encourage the council to vote yes to approve the budget amendment ordinance that allocates \$25,000 to the program partner in order to fund this program.

Sincerely,
Amanda Wright

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Kyla Johnson <kylanicolej@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 4:30 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Mentoring Through Athletics After School Program

Dear City Clerk,

I am a City of Bowie resident (District 4) writing to support the creation of an after-school pilot program for the 2023-2024 academic year that will support 120 children from 3rd through 8th grade. I urge the Bowie City Council to approve the budget amendment ordinance that allocates \$25,000 to the program partner in order to fund this program. We would like to see stipulations set to ensure the success and advise Council to begin lobbying Prince George's County and our General Assembly to fully fund larger after-school programs for City of Bowie residents.

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Sincerely,
Kyla

Kyla J. Rittenhouse
kylanicolej@gmail.com
(301)385-9442

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Bettye Demps <covingtoncondoassoc2013@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 4:55 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After School Program

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Sincerely,
Bettye J Demps

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Kellee Leo <kelleeleo16@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 6:23 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Re: Supporting Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program - City Council Hearing Today

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing to support the following agenda items listed on today's City Council Hearing:
Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program.

Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program provides academic support, mentoring, positive youth development, sports, and recreation to approximately 100 children in Prince George County ages 8-14, supporting students in the 3rd to 8th grade. We need these after-school programs to continue to uplift and empower the investment of skills in the community and provide meaningful services for all ages throughout Bowie. I encourage the council to vote yes to invest in the children of our future community and approve these programs!

Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program is a high-quality afterschool program, that has been shown to improve school attendance, academic achievement, and attitudes toward learning by not just supporting the students but ensuring that the families' well-being is supported as well.

Please consider supporting the Mentoring Through Athletics After-school Program, so our young people will continue to thrive.

Sincerely,

Kellee L. Leo
[Kelleleo16@gmail.com](mailto:kelleeleo16@gmail.com) email address
(202) 368-7307 cell number

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Awilda Hernandez

From: brenee mont <breneemont@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 6:34 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: After school program

Dear City Clerk,

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Sincerely,
Brenee' Ellis

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Ta-Keisha Smith <smithta3198@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 18, 2023 6:36 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Mentoring Through Athletics

Dear City of Bowie Council,

Please accept this email as my support of Mentoring Through Athletics (MTA) and their initiative to begin an after school program in the City of Bowie. Coach Ashley Montgomery and his staff have been very instrumental in my youngest son's life. My now 9-year-old son has been playing soccer with them for more than a year, and I have seen him grow (mentally, emotionally, and academically). With the assistance and encouragement of Coach Ashley and the rest of the MTA staff, my son has achieved a level of self-confidence that I was not sure he would get, considering his father is absent from his life. My son was named Student Athlete of the Year last year and shows great confidence on the field, which transferred to his academic abilities and performance in the classroom.

MTA truly believes in mentoring the youth (boys and girls) of today to become upstanding citizens and adults of tomorrow. They foster teamwork, resilience, confidence, and leadership. To have an afterschool program in the City of Bowie will truly be an asset to Bowie, Maryland and Prince George's County.

Best regards,
Dr. Ta-Keisha Smith (MTA - Soccer Mom)

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**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: 9/18/23; Time: _____; Location: City Hall CH 1&2;
Motion to close meeting made by: Ndebunadu Seconded by Trvesdale;
Members in favor: Esteve, Woolfley, Ndebunadu, Adams; Opposed: Gardner, Hawkins, Trvesdale;
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) ☒	To consult with Counsel to obtain legal advice	
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4. This statement is made by Sammy J. ALS, Presiding Officer.

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: 9:46 PM

Place: City Hall CH181

Purpose(s): _____

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Esteve, Woolfley, Ndeburadu, Adams, Gardner, Hawkins, Truesdale

Persons attending closed session: All

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: _____

Topics actually discussed: Proposal from GovSense

Actions taken: Resolved to accept offer 25K + 36K + 4K

Each recorded vote: yes (Adams, Hawkins, Esteve, Woolfley, Ndeburadu, Truesdale) 10:05

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 2, 2023, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu (virtual), Councilmembers Estève, Hawkins, Truesdale, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott (virtual), Finance Director Matthews, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Adams mentioned that there will not be a Closed Session held this evening.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

City Clerk Hernandez commented that six comments were received via email and are attached as part of the record.

1. Kathy O-Connor – Spoke against party houses in residential neighborhoods.
2. Valencia Wood and Antoinette Murray – Introduced the Mandala School which will be opening in the City in the next few months.
3. Leslie Kaunitz – Spoke about Council being prudent on spending of City dollars.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Esteve reminded residents of the Old Bowie Festival that is being held on October 7th.

Councilmember Hawkins congratulated Bowie High School on their victory of their homecoming game.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu mentioned the paving of Mitchellville Road which will end by mid-October.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Resolution R-53-23 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Gant Brunnett Architects, Inc. for Task order/RFP #7-15 in Accordance with the Master Contract Approved on January 7, 2019; B) Adoption of Resolution R-56-23 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to KCI Technologies, Inc. for Task Order/RFP#11-01 in the Amount of \$309,855.97 in Accordance With the Master Contract Approved on January 7, 2019; C) Adoption of Resolution R-57-23 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Accept the Quote from Electec Elections Services, Inc. for Election Equipment Rental and Support and Authorize the City Manager to Enter Into An Agreement; D) Approval of City Recommendation Letter Regarding CR-83-2023, a Resolution concerning the Establishment of an Annual Residential Building Permit Allocation Program for Prince George's County, Maryland. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. City's Traffic Calming Policy Discussion – Mr. Jose Aldayuz, Public Works Director, entertained questions from Council on the policy.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu asked what the different types of measures are to address speeding besides speed humps. City Manager Lott responded that speed cameras will be installed in certain streets which are allowed by state law to be installed. Can provide more details at a future meeting. Mr. Aldayuz mentioned that page 3 of the policy explains the process and different measures that can be taken.

Councilmember Esteve commented that petitions are required for speed humps to be installed, the requirements are a little high and would like for staff to consider adjusting the threshold to maybe 20% based on street qualifications also taking into consideration the budget requirements for these studies at about \$5,000 per study.

Mayor Adams would like to proceed at the moment with the speed cameras and see how they perform and then open it for further discussions.

Councilmember Woolfley stated that the current policy does not meet criteria in certain neighborhoods in the City, it is very broad, and we need to look at redesigning for City use.

Councilmember Truesdale commented that education is needed to neighborhoods especially in areas that only have one way in and one way out, obviously it is not only cut through traffic.

Council concurred to have staff review the policy and update it to meet the needs/standards for City streets.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Detailed Site Plan DSP-22033, Nora's Angels Day Care Collington Plaza (3420 Crain Highway) – Mr. Joe Meinert, Planning Director summarized the staff report. The application is being processed under the old County Zoning Ordinance, where the proposed use is permitted by right in the C-S-C (Commercial Shopping Center) Zone, subject to approval of a Detailed Site Plan and addressing of

required criteria for the specific use. Section 27-464.02 of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance provides the regulations for day care centers as permitted uses. The tentative date for the public hearing by the Prince George's County Planning Board is November 2, 2023. Under the Annexation Agreement between the City and the then-property owner at the time, dated September 23, 1994, the City has review and approval authority over any changes to the Site Plan proposed after the date of the Agreement, which approvals shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Hawkins motioned to approve DSP-22033. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Esteve was not present at time of vote).

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Hawkins second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Esteve not present to vote). The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Awilda Hernandez

From: ven jand <optimist8504@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 1, 2023 1:38 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Speeders on Myrtle ave, Bowie md 20715

Dear Sirs,

I am a resident of Huntington crest subdivision for the last 32 years. I am writing to you to bring it to your attention the rampant speeding on Myrtle ave., as it joins triple crown road. Speeders coming in , often exceed 50–60 mph with total disregard to the speed signs and safety of pedestrians and school children waiting for a school bus. It is getting worse by day. I was witness to a motorist who came in so fast that he jumped curb, ploughed through two properties and came to a stop after toppling a mailbox , post. Luckily I narrowly avoided getting hurt. With the help of our councilman Michael Estève, we managed to get a speed monitor installed, which is mostly ignored, because it's not punitive. I strongly urge you to consider installing friction strips or other effective measures on Myrtle ave and two sides of triple crown road leading to the intersection before somebody gets hurt, or worse, killed.

Regards,

Venu jandhyala
8504 Triple crown road
Bowie, md 20715

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Kathryn Barrett-Gaines <anansi99@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, October 1, 2023 2:21 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: traffic calming comment

City Council, I thank you for the work that you do. I implore you to reconsider limitations on where speed humps can go. We desperately need speed humps on Millstream Drive, several of them. I love the difference that speed humps have made to Belair. We need the same on Millstream. Millstream is set of neighborhoods, not a highway.

We need speed humps on my street, Chalford. My neighbor has lost two dogs to speeders. Will a child be next?

Our streets in the C and M sections are built to be shared by cars and pedestrians. We pedestrians are losing.

Let's put speed humps all over our beautiful city.

Thank you for the work you do.

Kathryn Barrett-Gaines, Ph.D.
12419 Chalford Lane
Bowie, MD 201715
301-204-2193

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Awilda Hernandez

From: The Black's <rdbwish1@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, October 1, 2023 3:33 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Re: Speeding in saddlebrook west.

Please make sure this is part of the record for Mondays meeting.

Sent from AOL on Android

On Sun, Sep 17, 2023 at 6:06 PM, The Black's
<rdbwish1@verizon.net> wrote:

I really do not know if this going to make any difference but I will try again. Please listen when I say that claiming needs to be done on River Park Road. The street loops around the entire community and it is a free for all. I have ask for Bowie to put the solar signs left and right mid way. One was placed by the pool and indeed it got people attention and they slowed down. As soon as it was removed it is back to a free for all. Someone is gonna get hurt or worse. When you all do your surveys it is not at the correct times. It has to be a all day process. The motorists also turn into the community and floor it. Why can't we get the claiming items without giving up our first born. The people that are concerned are not lying. Just because you do not see it does not mean it's not happening. And the percentage you need to get approval is outrageous. The process is outrageous. The people that do not agree are the ones speeding. If you go to slow they try to pass you on a residential street. I and our hoa have been begging for this. I have lived here 22 years and gets worse every year. I'm thru begging now I'm blaming. If someone looses a child, a family member etc remember how many times we have tried to remedy the situation only to be met with red tape.

Concerned neighbor Renee Black

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Awilda Hernandez

From: nurbiz@verizon.net
Sent: Sunday, October 1, 2023 9:59 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez; Rosann Ndebumadu
Cc: Henri Gardner; Jarryd Hawkins; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Clinton Truesdale; Timothy Adams
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: V. Citizen Participation, October 2, 2023 Bowie City Agenda: Request City Council Support in Opposing SE-2022-015/SSZ Bowie Self Storage, LLC

Monday, October 2, 2023

TO: Awilda Hernandez, Bowie City Clerk
Roxy Ndebumadu, District 4 Councilmember

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

RE: V. Citizen Participation, October 2, 2023 Bowie City Agenda: **Request City Council Support in Opposing SE-2022-015/SSZ Bowie Self Storage, LLC**

cc: Tim Adams, Mayor
Henri Gardner, At-Large Councilmember
Jarryd Hawkins, At-Large Councilmember
Michael Esteve, District 1 Councilmember
Dufour Woolfley, District 2 Councilmember
Clinton Truesdale, Sr., District 3 Councilmember
Public Files

We ask your support in opposing SE-2022-015/SSZ Bowie Self Storage, LLC, a storage facility proposed to be built at 16200 Old Central Ave., which is less than 2 miles from our community.[1]

As expressed in the April 2023 meeting held on the subject matter, Collington Station as well as some of our neighbors from surrounding residential communities, opposed the construction of this storage facility.

It is our understanding that the applicant wants to change the zoning from commercial to industrial in order to build. If this is true, honoring their request would be tantamount to “spot zoning,” as described in a recent Maryland Supreme Court decision.[2] We do not want South Bowie anchored by industrial zoning.

It is our greatest desire to preserve and protect the residential character of the South Bowie community. That is our hope in supporting a South Bowie Revitalization Strategy.

We ask you to oppose SE-2022-015/SSZ Bowie Self Storage, LLC. If you agree with us, please convey your position in a letter to the County Council and/or testimony to the Zoning Hearing Examiner on or before November 1, 2023.

Thank you for your help.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Jarryd Hawkins
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 5:46 PM
To: Alfred Lott; Daniel Mears
Cc: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Fw: {EXTERNAL}: Speed Humps

Please see the thread below. Can we please provide an update on what progress has been made to reduce speeding on Old Barn Road.

Thanks,

Jarryd

From: Gerry Sr. Esguerra <gcesguerra@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 5:11 PM
To: Jarryd Hawkins <jhawkins@cityofbowie.org>
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Speed Humps

Councilman Michael Esteve and Councilman Jarryd Hawkins,

I am also writing this email to include as a Memo for the Record in your discussion on council business regarding curbing issues with speeding in the city. This email specifically addresses an issue on Old Barn Road regarding speeding by residence in Saddlebrook East. This has been a major problem and is a significant issue as there are numerous children that live on this street. We don't want to wait for a tragedy to happen before some action is taken. Old Barn Road is 35 feet wide and that offers space where cars can be parked on either side of the street and there's still room for speeders to speed by without having to slow down. We have contacted city officials on numerous occasions and have seen some progress from those discussions. However, a permanent speed reducing measure is gravely needed at this time. I'm requesting your good office enter this email into your council records as a request for action to address this important issue. Thank you for your assistance with this important issue.

Gerry Esguerra

Sent from my iPhone

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Jarryd Hawkins
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 5:48 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez; Daniel Mears; Alfred Lott
Subject: Fw: {EXTERNAL}: Request for Traffic Abatement Measures

From: Charles McIntosh <charlesamcintosh@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, October 2, 2023 11:47 AM
To: Michael@michaelesteve.com <Michael@michaelesteve.com>; Jarryd Hawkins <jhawkins@cityofbowie.org>; Charles McIntosh <charlesamcintosh@gmail.com>
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Request for Traffic Abatement Measures

Councilman Michael Esteve and Councilman Jarryd Hawkins,

I am writing this email to include as a Memo for the Record in your discussion on council business regarding curbing issues with speeding in the city. This email specifically addresses an issue on Old Barn Road regarding speeding by residence in Saddlebrook East. This has been a major problem and is a significant issue as there are numerous children that live on this street. We don't want to wait for a tragedy to happen before some action is taken. Old Barn Road is 35 feet wide and that offers space where cars can be parked on either side of the street and there's still room for speeders to speed by without having to slow down. We have contacted city officials on numerous occasions and have seen some progress from those discussions. However, a permanent speed reducing measure is gravely needed at this time. I ask that you enter this email into your council records as a request for action to address this important issue. Thank you for your assistance with this important issue.

Charles McIntosh
7901 Old Barn Road
301-509-3520

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2023

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 23, 2023, in 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, Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu, Councilmembers Estève, Gardner (arrived at 8:16 p.m.), Hawkins, Truesdale, and Woolfley (virtual), City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu moved Old Business Item B-City's Traffic Calming Policy Discussion to the November 27th Council meeting and New Business Item G-ICSC Recap to become Item A on tonight's agenda. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2 (Esteve, Woolfley).

Councilmember Hawkins motioned to remove New Business Item H-Discussion of the size of the Public Safety Committee from the agenda Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-2 (Esteve, Woolfley).

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Terry Nuriddin, Johnston Ln – Encouraged Council to oppose CB-70-23.
2. Patrice Murray, Jeremiah Ln – Encouraged Council to oppose SB691.
3. Dennis Brady, Paisley Ln – Thanked staff for pursuing the paving of Mitchellville Road and encouraged Mayor Admas to send a letter of thanks to the County for the work done.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Swearing-in of Bowie Police Officers – Mayor Adams swore-in Police Officer Jude Kilo Bunyu, Police Officer Danyelle Parks, and Police Officer Ashley Jones.
- B. Adoption of Proclamation P-15-23 Proclaiming October 2023 as National Code Compliance Month in the City of Bowie – Council presented the proclamation to the City's Code Enforcement officers.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu commented that citations have been issued to the owners of Pointer Ridge shopping center to address the deteriorating property..

Mayor Adams requested a moment of silence for Ukraine, Palastine and Israel.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott commented on staff's implementation of FY 2024 budget objectives.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Proclamation P-14-23 October is Energy Action Month; B) Adoption of Resolution R-54-23 By Two-Thirds Vote Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the City Charter to Allow the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Infrastructure Solutions Group, Inc. and Authorize the Purchase of Two (2) Xtreme Vac LCT600 Units for Leaf Removal Services; C) Adoption of Resolution R-58-23 Accepting Bid Proposal for Street Repair From VMP Construction, Co., Inc. in the Amount of \$650,000; D) Adoption of Resolution R-59-23 Approving the Award of the City's Community Outreach Committee FY24 Grants; E) Adoption of Resolution R-60-23 Approving the Award of the City's Education Committee FY24 Grants; F) Adoption of Resolution R-61-23 Approving the Award of the City's Arts Committee FY24 Grants; G) Adoption of Resolution R-62-23 Accepting a Proposal and Authorizing a Contract Award not to Exceed \$34,823.00 to Resource Recycling Systems Inc. for Consulting Services for a City-wide Food Waste Feasibility Study; H) Adoption of Resolution R-64-23 Accepting Bid Proposals for On-Call Tree Trimming, Removal, and Maintenance Services; I) Adoption of Resolution R-65-23 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of the City Charter to Allow the City to Enter Into Contracts With Various Snowplow Contractors That May Exceed \$25,000 in Aggregate Value; J) Approval of Letter to M-NCPPC re: FY 2025 Proposed Budget. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Mentoring Through Athletics Grant Program (Ordinance O-12-23 and Resolution R-51-23) – Assistant City Manager Mears summarized the ordinance and resolution. Ordinance O-12-23 will amend the FY 2023 Budget to ensure funding is available for the grant program and Resolution R-51-23 will authorize the Grant Agreement with Mentoring Through Athletics.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu requested to change the scope of the program from funding for one school year to 2 school quarters at half the cost, at \$10,250, and help the group to apply for other funding through the County.

Public Hearing:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu motioned to amend Ordinance O-12-23 to change the funding to be \$10,250 instead of \$25,000 and be for two quarters of the school year beginning next school quarter. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Councilmember Esteve questioned the motion by stating if the amount should be \$12,500 and not \$10,250 since \$12,500 is half of the \$25,000 amount. Mayor

Pro Tem Ndebumadu corrected her motion to state \$12,500 and not \$10,250. Motion passed 5-2 (Esteve, Woolfley).

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu motioned to adopt the amended Ordinance O-12-23. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2 (Esteve, Woolfley).

Mayor Adams motioned to amend Resolution R-51-23 to change the grant agreement to coincide with the funding of \$12,500 and the two quarters of the school year. Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1 (Woolfley)(Esteve not present to vote).

Mayor Admas motioned to adopt the amended Resolution R-51-23. Mayor Pro Tem seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1 (Woolfley)(Esteve not present to vote).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. ICSC Recap – Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu and Councilmember Gardner summarized their experience attending the International Council of Shopping Centers show earlier this year. They met with several retailers and pitched them on the demographics and the unique opportunity that lies within the City of Bowie, emphasizing the level of community support and desire to see new businesses recruited to the community. The next steps will be to get a clear vision in place for Economic Development across the City; engage with mid-size restaurateurs with establishments in DC, Maryland, and VA to pitch them on specialty concepts for Bowie to drive community support that will attract the rest; create a better marketing strategy and proactive engagement model to attract more; continue constituent engagement to attract the businesses that you want to see; create closer alignment with PG EDC; look at attracting experiential, educational, and corporate entities; and increase budget funding for Economic Development initiatives.

B. Bowie Golf Course Driving Range Renovation and Expansion – Mr. Nick Spurgeon, Acting Director of Community Services introduced Mr. Matt Reno, Project Manager, and Gant Brunnett Architects, who will present an update on the renovation project. With over four decades without any significant improvements, considerable investment is necessary to meet safety and stormwater requirements and realize the evolving expectations of our community. The Capital Improvements Project encompasses essential upgrades, safety improvements, the introduction of lighting for expanded recreational usage, and enhanced accessibility. These enhancements are not only designed to fulfill the needs of our community but also significantly boost the revenue generated by our golf course. The estimated timeframe for construction phase will be March – September 2024.

Council thanked staff for their presentation.

C. Mill Branch Development – Mr. Edward Gibbs, representing the developer, Mr. Chesley, is before Council requesting a letter of support from City Council for a TIFF from Prince George's County Council for the development. The amount of the TIFF is \$15,300,000. The note will be held by the developer and not the County. It will repaid based on the tax base increase in the assessment of the property after development.

Councilmember Woolfley commented that this is a poor use of TIFF funding which should be used for blighted, underdeveloped areas, which this development does not fall under.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu asked how much is being spent on road improvements. Mr. Gibbs responded about \$7.2 million.

Councilmember Hawkins motioned to direct staff to draw up a letter of support for the TIFF and be sent to the County. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2 (Esteve, Woolfley).

D. MD 214 Pedestrian Overpass Bridge Presentation – Mr. Ridwan Coker, Transportation Specialist, introduced Mr. Kline who summarized the presentation of the proposed bridge. The group considered three locations for the bridge, Old Central Avenue, Pennsbury Drive and just east of Hall Road. Several factors would need to be addressed in each of the proposed sites having to do with roadway conditions, utility issues, and safety issues. The recommendation is that Option C be done, which is the one located east of Hall Road. This option provides the best trail experience with the fewest impacts to the roadway, utilities, and adjacent land use, exclusive of cost and based on the comparative evaluation.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu commented that she was approached by residents with concerns of the bridge bringing crime to the area. Has any analysis been done to address this concern. Mr. Joe Meinert responded that they have not but it can be looked into.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Kline for his presentation.

E. South Bowie Revitalization - EDC Chair Yolanda Muckle and EDC members Billy D. Louis and Arthur Rogers led the task of working to identify desired revitalization areas in South Bowie – defined as City Council District 4 – with input from residents and business owners. The EDC held meetings and community outreach sessions in April and May 2023. In June and July, they met and discussed the information gathered and methods to address identified concerns. In August they met to review the draft recommendations and in September 2023 the recommendations to Council were finalized. (Attached is their recommendation).

Councilmember Esteve asked if it is still accurate that housing development is needed to sustain new businesses. Ms. Muckle responded yes, that is accurate.

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu thanked them for the great presentation and stepping up for the challenge.

F. Automated Speed Enforcement – Residential Speed Cameras – Acting Chief of Police Preston summarized the proposed locations of placement of speed cameras throughout the City. Maryland Transportation Article 21-809 has expanded the usage of speed cameras usage from school zones to residential zones where the posted speed limit is 35mph or lower. A comprehensive list of locations gathered from City Council members, community complaints, Public Works, and Police Department personnel was compiled. Twenty-five (25) locations were submitted to the speed camera vendor, Conduent, for site evaluation. Out of the locations submitted, 21 were found to be suitable for speed cameras (list attached).

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu asked about the streets that did not make this initial list, how will they be addressed. Chief Preston responded that these are the initial locations, and the list can increase if Council approves new locations.

Councilmember Gardner commented that residents keep stating that the cameras are a money /revenue maker for the City, it is not, it is a safety issue to help calm the speeding in the neighborhoods.

Councilmember Esteve motioned to approve the initial 21 locations for installation of the speed cameras. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

G. Police Department Update – Acting Chief Preston briefed Council on the status of various items in the department. Currently the department has 57 officers, which is 10 short of what is authorized. Like many other locations it has become very difficult to fill these vacancies. There are four officers entering the academy on November 27th, and it will take them about one year before they become fulltime officers. The department is also losing Lt. Rose who accepted a position in Austin, TX. Acting Deputy Chief Jefferson stated that the department has met the CALEA yearly assessment on September 22, 2023, making it three years in a row accomplishing e recognition.

Mayor Adams thanked Chief Preston for his presentation.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Ndebumadu motioned to adjourn to closed session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(7): “To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice”. Councilmember Truesdale second the motion. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

September 15, 2023

City Council
City of Bowie
15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, MD 20716

Dear Council:

At your request, the City of Bowie Economic Development Committee (EDC) looked into revitalization issues pertaining to South Bowie which was defined for us as City Council District 4. The EDC conducted 2-site-surveys in May 2023, and held a Townhall meeting in the City Council Chambers on June 22, 2023. Through SurveyMonkey, the EDC also received feedback from stakeholders and about 200 residents of The City of Bowie. Taking all of this into consideration, below are specific areas for revitalization identified by our study and observation, plus EDC recommendations to the City Council, in priority order:

1. Retail Stores & Restaurants: A common desire among the respondents is for the attraction of fine dining and increased superior shopping options. This was a recurring theme expressed by the South Bowie residents regarding the community's desire to significantly improve the dining and shopping experience in South Bowie by attracting high scale restaurants and retail stores. The demographics of South Bowie include many high-income professionals who reside within the community, and this population has an overwhelming desire to improve the quality of the dining and shopping experience within this designated geographical area.
 - The EDC recommends City staff take the lead now in utilizing opportunities outlined by the *Maryland Sustainable Communities Act of 2020* as a strategy to attract, incorporate and retain national brands stores for high end shopping and restaurants.
 - Provide additional investment resources to the Economic Development office to market, attract and promote the City of Bowie as a desirable retail location in collaboration with organizations such as the National Retail Federation, and events they sponsor such as NRF 2024.
 - Create a City of Bowie professional position that will act as a liaison between city businesses and the County to promote predictability, and efficiency in the permitting process.

2. Pointer Ridge School Closure: Residents are passionate about preserving neighborhood schools. The City of Bowie should take appropriate measures to prevent the future closure of Pointer Ridge Elementary School by the Prince George's County Public School System.
3. Road Improvements: Prioritize transportation improvements and empower the City of Bowie, Department of Planning and Sustainability and the Public Works Department to proactively communicate and collaborate with the Maryland Department of Transportation for an expedited improvement and maintenance plan.

A viable option is the adoption of sustainable transportation (mobility) policies and initiatives. These mobility requirements would include, but not limited, to the following: 1) City mobility circulation network, 2) increased frequency of weekend commuter options, 3) the inclusion of substantiable mobility actions in the City of Bowie Master Plan, such as the following: A) land use space designated for walking and biking trails, B) the integration of land-use planning with sustainable practices, C) development of infrastructure projects for achieving interactions between city neighborhoods, D) develop a business case for use by City of Bowie officials and leaders for interacting with key State of Maryland and regional governmental stakeholder, such as the Washington Council of Governments.

4. Performing Arts & Entertainment: The closure of the Regal Movie Theatre eliminates one of the few entertainment options available for South Bowie, Maryland residents.
 - Explore options to create more performing arts and entertainment opportunities in South Bowie.
 - Develop automobile parking management and enforcement strategies for all proposed performing arts and entertainment.
5. Security/Public Safety: Over 70 percent of survey respondents identified South Bowie as a safe community; however, there are concerns about petty crime.
 - The EDC recommends the City of Bowie Police Department continue to be visible in patrolling areas of the city to prevent loitering and petty crime.
 - The EDC advocates for a transparent search process for the next City Police Chief and recommends the involvement of business and community leaders in the search committee.
 - The EDC recommends that City staff take the lead in requesting appropriate community investment resources from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (Sustainable Communities Act of 2020) and other sources for enhancing, developing and expanding healthy recreational activities, facilities (parks & playgrounds) and locations.

6. City of Bowie Sustainability Plan Development: Acknowledging the complexity for sustainability development, it is recommended that the City of Bowie take an active role by allocating funds for securing a professional consultant who possess the necessary professional expertise in this subject area. Additionally, subject area professional resources are available from the A. James Clark School of Engineering, including professor Mirosław J. Skibniewski (Sustainable Buildings and Sustainable Construction), and professional resources available from Office of Sustainability at the University of Maryland.

*The EDC recognizes that expenditures for personnel or materials contained in this document are subject to the approval and funding by the City of Bowie through the budget process.

FOR THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:



Yolanda Muckle
Chair

Attachments:

1. South Bowie, Maryland --- The Development of a Future Community Based on Sustainable Principles and Best Practices --- Including the Maryland Sustainable Communities Act of 2020
2. Survey Responses
 - Three Words Describing South Bowie
 - Three Businesses We Want in South Bowie
3. Written Public Comments Received By EDC

PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL SPEED CAMERA LOCATIONS

LOCATION DESCRIPTION	SURVEY NOTES
3000 Blk Belair Drive	PCU located approx. 170' north of Bowie High School entrance
2400 Blk Mitchellville Rd	
3500 Blk Mitchellville Rd	
15500 Blk Peach Walker Dr	Existing PCU is located 47' north of Elizabeth Rieg Elementary School
15725 Blk Pointer Ridge Dr	PCU Located approx. 75' south of Paramount Ln. No parking at anytime sign to be installed just south of the PCU.
8100 blk Chestnut Ave	PCU located approx. 75' south of 8101 driveway
12907 Blk 9th St	PCU located approx. 145' west of Maple Ave
12415 Kembridge Dr	PCU located approx. 70' east of Kemp Way
14100 Dunwood Valley Dr	PCU located approx. 195' east Dunwood Ridge Terrace
2817 Stonybrook Drive	PCU located approx. 80' south of Starlight Ln / south of the no parking at anytime sign.
14704 Blk Dolphin Way	PCU located 90' west of 14704 Dolphin Way driveway
12121 Tulip Grove Dr	PCU located 100' west of Tapered Ln. A note parking at anytime sign will be required just east of the PCU that covers to the 12114 Tulip Grove Dr driveway
15900 Penn Manor Ln	PCU located across the street from 15904 Penn Manor Ln driveway
13300 11th St	PCU located approx. 240' east of Elm Ave
14400 Old Stage Rd	PCU located approx. 375' east of Pleasant View Dr
16020 Alderwood Ln	PCU located approx. 140' west of Althea Ln. A no parking sign will be required that prohibits parking from the PCU to Althea Ln. The only spot for the PCU identified was at the 16020 Blk of Alderwood Ln.
12700 Brunswick Ln	PCU located approx. 53' west of 12700 Brunswick Ln driveway just west of no parking sign.
12911 Kendale Ln	PCU located approx. 20' west of 12911 Kendale Ln driveway just west of no parking sign.
15021 Nashua Ln	PCU located approx. 90' west of Northcote Ln. A no parking sign will be required that prohibits parking from the PCU to the 15018 Nashua Ln driveway
14911 Blk Dahlia Dr	PCU located 10' west of 14911 Dahlia Dr driveway, east of storm drain
12500 Millstream Dr	PCU located 57' west of 12501 Millstream Dr driveway, east of bus stop

**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: 10-23-23; Time: 12:00 Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Ndeburmatu Seconded by Truesdale;
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) ☒ 7	Consult with legal counsel	Litigation Matters
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4. This statement is made by Sammy Jr. ARS, Presiding Officer.

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: 12:07

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): (7) Consult with Counsel

Members who voted to meet in closed session: TA JH HG ME DW CT RN

Persons attending closed session: TA JH HG ME DW CT RN Levan McCarron Lott Mears

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (7)

Topics actually discussed: Litigation Matters

Actions taken: Consensus to proceed with settlement

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk

SUBJECT: 2023 City Election Results

DATE: 11/16/2023

We, the undersigned Board of Elections, do hereby certify that the attached is a true and actual account for the Election of the City of Bowie, Maryland on Tuesday, November 7, 2023. We, therefore, declare the following shall be the winners of this Election:

Mayor - Tim Adams	Number of Votes Cast : 4,821
Councilmember At-Large - Dennis Brady	Number of Votes Cast: 3,831
Councilmember At-Large - Wanda Rogers	Number of Votes Cast: 4,263
Councilmember District 1 - Michael Esteve	Number of Votes Cast: 1,261
Councilmember District 2 - Dufour Woolfley	Number of Votes Cast: 1,088
Councilmember District 3 - Clinton Truesdale	Number of Votes Cast: 749
Councilmember District 4 - Roxy Ndebumadu	Number of Votes Cast: 918

A total of 6,681 cast their votes at the polls, and 382 persons voted absentee, making a total of 7,063 voters casting votes in the November 7, 2023 City of Bowie Election. There are currently 46,585 voters registered on the County books, which makes a total of 15% of the registered voters casting their votes in the 2023 City Election.

Members of the Board of Elections:

Yolanda Jones, Chair
Brian Suddeth
Zach Lowe
Mia Russell
Sonia Huntley
Nedrea Scott
Auvonett Jones
Karl Stehmer
John Fagan

ATTACHMENTS: None