



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

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.

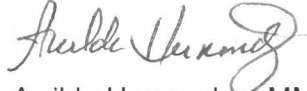
Mayor Adams thanked Ms. Proctor for her presentation.

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,

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

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: 7-3-23; Time: 9:32; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Nobu Madu 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
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4. This statement is made by Jonathan J. 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: 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, Levan, Lott, Mears, Preston, Jefferson, Schwarz, 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: _____