



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Awilda Hernandez'.

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.

[1] About 2.3 miles from this area adjacent to the South Lake area, is an industrial area building project, The National Capital Business Park (NCBP), which proposes to provide “3+ Million Square Feet of New Industrial Buildings.” This will include storage facilities. Additionally, we are currently near an existing storage facility at 1010 Crain Hwy.

[2] *Prince George’s County Council, et al. v. Concerned Citizens of Prince George’s County, et al.*, No. 23, September Term, 2022. Opinion by Gould, J.

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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

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Charles McIntosh
7901 Old Barn Road
301-509-3520

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