



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, February 20, 2024, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley, Councilmembers Brady, Estève, Ndebumadu (virtual 8:04 p.m.), Rogers, and Truesdale, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Councilmember Rogers motioned to move New Business, Item C, Bowie Strategic Plan Discussion to the March 4th Council meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion Passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

Councilmember Rogers motioned to move Consent Agenda, Item B, Introduction of Ordinance O-1-24 to New Business. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion Passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

1. Councilmember Brady moved to appoint Ms. Bakir Lawson to the Public Safety Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
2. Councilmember Brady moved to appoint Mr. Jason Pagel to the Public Safety Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
3. Councilmember Rogers moved to appoint Mr. Cameron Davis to the Financial Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
4. Councilmember Esteve moved to appoint Ms. Cheryl Moore to the Community Outreach Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
5. Councilmember Truesdale moved to appoint Ms. Romie Duvert to the Community Recreation Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

6. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley swore in all the appointees to their respective committees.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Truesdale recognized Black History Month.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott had no report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Resolution R-7-24 Accepting a Proposal for Consulting Services for a City-Wide Wayfinding Plan from Guide Studio, Inc. in the Amount of \$89,000. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. New Bowie Ice Arena Design Progress Presentation – Mr. Tom Betti and Mr. Derek Kieckhafer presented to Council the comprehensive progress to date of the project. Construction documents commenced mid-December 2023, the second stakeholder meeting was held on January 23, 2024; construction documents expected to be completed April 12, 2024; with bidding and contractor procurement tentatively starting in early May 2024. Since last meeting with Council, revisions have been accepted that has given the City an approximate savings of \$1.6 million. Aesthetic design has also been revised in certain parts of the building based on feedback during the stakeholders meeting. Construction cost has gone down by about \$133k and soft cost has increased about 2%. Estimated total project cost is \$29,620,592.

Councilmember Esteve asked if the busy times at the ice arena same as the golf course and will this affect traffic and parking. Nick Spurgeon, Community Services Director responded that sometimes might overlap but the golf course busiest time is early mornings.

Councilmember Brady asked what the projected life of this new construction is. Mr. Betti responded 50 to 75 years.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley thanked Mr. Betti and Mr. Kieckhafer for their presentation.

New Business:

A. Bike and Pedestrian Outreach Initiative – Mr. Ridwan Coker, City Transportation Specialist, presented to Council an initiative that the Planning Department is working on alongside with the County to educate students about bike safety as well as pedestrian safety. Safe Routes to School is a national movement that encourages students to travel to and from school by walking or bicycling. In Washington, DC, Safe Routes to School Programs have flourished.

Councilmember Rogers asked if Mr. Coker has contacted our district school representative about the program. Mr. Coker responded that he has and is working closely with Ms. Miller.

Councilmember Ndebumadu asked how they are planning to engage the kids on these workshops. Mr. Coker said that he is working with the County and School Board with giveaways.

Council had a consensus for the department to proceed with the initiative.

B. FY24 Mid-Year Budget Report – City Manager Lott summarized the mid-year report to Council. General Fund revenues and expenditures appear to be on target with the FY 2024 adopted budget. Revenues at the midpoint are \$45.3 million and expenditures are \$28 million. The City's economic outlook is stable and positive.

Councilmember Esteve asked what the status of the public art was on Kenhill Drive and Rt. 197. Mr. Spurgeon responded that they were still waiting on the Memorandum of Understanding with SHA to be finalized.

Councilmember Ndebumadu asked for more clarification on what resident complaints Business Operations handles. City Manager Lott responded that that department handles a lot of the issues that relate to Verizon and BGE.

C. Introduction of Ordinance O-1-24 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2023, and Ending June 30, 2024, as Embodied in Ordinance O-5-23, and Amended by O-11-23 to Appropriate Funds for the Purchase of a Pickup Truck for Community Services and to Increase the Appropriation for the Emergency Operations Center – Councilmember Esteve moved the introduction of Ordinance O-1-24. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk