



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, April 1, 2024, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:05 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 Woolfley, Councilmembers Brady, Estève, Ndebumadu (virtual), Rogers, and Truesdale (virtual), City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to have items C. Solid Waste General Rules and Special Agreements; E. Business Improvements Districts (BIDs by staff); F. Business Improvements Districts (BIDs by Councilmember Ndebumadu); and G. Council Discussion on Cleaning Litter on State Highways in City Borders under New Business be removed from the agenda and be incorporated into the budget process. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu, Truesdale did not vote).

Councilmember Brady motioned to have items F. Approval of Letter to Prince George's County Council in Reference to their FY 2025 Proposed Budget & Capital Improvement Program; and G. Approval of Letter to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Reference to their FY 2025 Proposed Budget/CIP under Consent Agenda be moved under New Business for further discussion. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu, Truesdale did not vote).

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Mr. Warren David read a brief excerpt on Arab American Heritage month.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

1. Councilmember Brady moved to appoint Ms. Erica Kennedy to the Economic Development Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu, Truesdale did not vote).

2. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley moved to appoint Ms. Olaoluwa Adeleke-Wales to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu, Truesdale did not vote).

Mayor Adams swore in Ms. Kennedy and Ms. Adeleke-Wales to their respective committees.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Esteve thanked staff for their efforts during the fire at the condos behind City Hall.

Councilmember Ndebumadu commented on temporary improvements by SHA on Route 301 and attendance at an HOA meeting in South Lake where safety concerns in the neighborhood as well as retail development.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of February 20, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Adoption of Proclamation P-3-24 Proclaiming April 2024 as National Arab American Heritage Month in the City of Bowie; C) Adoption of Proclamation P-4-24 Proclaiming April 22, 2024 as Earth Day in the City of Bowie; D) Adoption of Resolution R-10-24 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow Negotiations with Independent Consultants & Engineers, Inc. and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement for Third Party Inspection Services for Driving Range Renovations at Bowie Golf Course in the Amount of \$48,725.00; E) Adoption of Resolution R-11-24 Approving a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the State Highway Administration (SHA) and the City of Bowie, Maryland and Authorizing its Execution. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu, Truesdale did not vote).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Ordinance O-3-24 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 and O-1-24, to Appropriate an Additional \$85,100 for the Purchase of Thirteen (13) Police Vehicles. Finance Director, H. Byron Matthews, summarized the ordinance. Due to manufacturing delays from the original company, the City had to resource the vehicles from another manufacturer which has caused the needed appropriation for an additional \$85,100.

Public Hearing:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Ordinance O-3-24. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu, Truesdale did not vote).

New Business:

A. Prince George's County Office of Human Rights – Representatives of this office briefed Council on the services they offer. They are committed to the pursuit of justice for those harmed by discriminatory behavior, predatory acts, and denial of services. They also respond to human trafficking through its Human Trafficking Division and provide education and outreach to build the community and to reduce incidents of hate, bias, and violence.

Mayor Adams thanked them for their presentation.

B. State of Place Analysis of City Activity Centers Presentation – Founder and CEO of State of Place, Inc., Ms. Mariela Alfonzo briefed Council on the State of Place product which generates evidence-based urban design recommendations based on the economic outcomes the City wishes to optimize. The three core areas of the City to focus on are Bowie Town Center, Old Town Bowie and Route 450. The data-driven and evidence-based approach identifies and prioritizes urban design changes most likely to optimize walkability and economic development. It also quantifies value-add and ROI of proposed built environment investments.

Mayor Adams thanked Ms. Alfonzo for her presentation and looks forward to the final product.

C. Annexation Presentation – Mr. Joe Meinert, Planning Director summarized the annexation process that the City follows. An annexation policy establishing the principles to be used by the City to facilitate the annexation process was adopted via Resolution R-12-06 on March 6, 2006, by Council. Staff has evaluated possible growth limits area via annexation in the future. The area includes 7,444 acres or 11.63 square miles. If the entire growth limits area were incorporated into the City, the size of the City would expand to almost 30 square miles.

Councilmember Ndebumadu wanted to bring this information forward for the new members to be informed and better understand the expansion of the city. She also asked staff if the City has the capacity to annex these areas.

Mr. Meinert responded that some areas do not result in a positive revenue to the City if values are based on the homes. Conditions will vary based on the number of homes, their value, conditions of road and if there is stormwater maintenance to be acquired.

Councilmember Brady commented that Council should consider updating the policy.

Mayor Adams thanked the staff for the presentation.

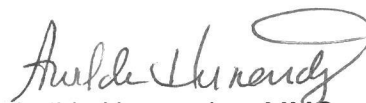
D. Approval of Letter to Prince George's County Council in Reference to their FY 2025 Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Program – Council had a consensus to add language that the improvements of the S-curve section of Church Road be done first.

E. Approval of Letter to Prince George's County Council in Reference to M-NCPPC FY 2025 Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Program - Council had a consensus to add language to see if County would consider partnering with City for the construction of the new ice arena.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote). The meeting adjourned at 10:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk