



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, April 15, 2024, in Council Chambers 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 Woolfley, Councilmembers Brady, Estève, Ndebumadu (virtual), Rogers (virtual), and Truesdale, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to have Item A – Adoption of Ordinance O-2-24 under Old Business be moved to the next Council meeting. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Mayor Adams swore-in the City's Deputy Chief of Police Rachel Jefferson and Police Captain Robert V. Liberati, Jr.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Rogers commented that Council is hosting a gift card donation drive to be presented to the families that were displaced by the fire at the condos behind City Hall.

Councilmember Ndebumadu commented on complaints received by residents of South Lake in regard to their commercial development footprint. She will be setting up a meeting in the near future with representatives of the Michael Company.

Councilmember Esteve recognized Kathy Perez. Ms. Perez was the City's first Police Chief and she hired former Police Chief Nesky and also Deputy Chief Rachel Jefferson.

Councilmember Brady mentioned that the next Community Matters meeting with Chief Preston will be held on April 24th at 7:00p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Adoption of Proclamation P-2-24 Recognizing April 27, 2024 as Arbor Day in Bowie; B) Adoption of Resolution R-13-24 Accepting a Bid for the Audio Visual Upgrades to the Emergency Operations Center Conference Room and Maintenance of Equipment in the Amount of \$237,474.45; C) Adoption of Resolution R-14-24 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Limited Access Agreement With the Southern Maryland Agricultural Association, Inc., Regarding Access to the Bowie Race Course Training Center Property Located at 8311, 8406, 8408, and 8410 Race Track Road, for the Purpose of Performing the Work Specified in Exhibit "B" of the Attached Agreement; D) Approval of Adding an Additional Residential Speed Enforcement Location on Excalibur Road. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

New Business:

A. Introduction of Ordinance O-4-24 FY 2025 Budget and Resolution R-12-24 Capital Improvement Program for FY 2025-2030.

Public Hearing:

1. Danette Nguyen and Francisco Cartagena, Maryland Women's Business Center – Requested the City's continued support of their program.
2. Joshua Wooten, Wharton Turn – Thanked Council for continuing the progress on multi-modal trails and parks.
3. Bob Rapczynski, Huntington Heritage Society – Requested Council to support the funding for the railroad museum.
4. Isabel Pocurull, Huntington Heritage Society - Requested Council to support the funding for the railroad museum.
5. Suzanna Kaasa, Church Lane - Requested Council to support the funding for the railroad museum.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to introduce Ordinance O-4-24. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to introduce Resolution R-12-24. Councilmember Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting and move into Budget Worksession #1. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk