



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, September 16, 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 of the United States of America.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley, Councilmembers Brady, Estève, and Ndebumadu, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Proclamation P-13-24 Congratulating the Bowie Crofton Garden Club on the Occasion of their 40th Anniversary. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Council presented the proclamation to representatives of the Garden Club in attendance.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Brady motioned to appoint Mr. Eric Ketterling to the Bowie Advisory Planning Board as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Councilmember Esteve motioned to appoint Ms. Leslie Rose to the Arts Committee as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

3. Mayor Adams motioned to appoint Ms. Darlene Stuart to the Ethics Commission as an Alternate Member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Adams swore in the members to their respective committees.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley noted that the Bowie Crofton Garden Club will have a small festivity celebrating their 40th anniversary at the Senior Center on Tuesday, September 24 at 7:00p.m., all are welcome to attend.

Councilmember Ndebumadu commented that on August 26, Mayor Adams, Councilmember Brady and herself welcomed 164 new scholars at Friendship Academy in their temporary location in Upper Marlboro. They hope to be in their permanent location in Bowie by next year. She also commented on her attendance at several events in the County.

Mayor Adams commented and asked for a moment of silence for the passing of Lt. General Arthur J. Gregg, the first African American Three Star General in the United States Army.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott stated that staff continues to deliver seamless services to our residents. A staff golf tournament will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday at the Bowie Golf Course in the spirit of having camaraderie amongst staff.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of September 3, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Adoption of Resolution R-57-24 Accepting Bid from Transteck, Inc. dba Freightliner Western Star of Elkton for the Purchase of a Hydro Vac Truck in the Amount of \$360,225; C) Adoption of Resolution R-58-24 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement With Apex Petroleum Corporation for the Purchase of Regular Unleaded Gasoline Fuel in Tank Wagon Will Call Quantities Zone 3; D) Adoption of Resolution R-59-24 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Sunoco, LLC for the Purchase of Regular Unleaded Gasoline Fuel in Truck Transport Will Call Quantities for Zone 3; E) Adoption of Resolution R-60-24 Awarding a Contract for Installation of Outdoor Fitness Equipment at Centennial Park; F) Adoption of Resolution R-61-24 Waiving the Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the City Charter, for Good Cause Shown, to Allow the City to Enter Into a Contract With Turf Equipment and Supply Company for Irrigation Controls Upgrades. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Ordinance O-8-24 Amending Chapter 26 "Zoning," Article II, Sec. 26-48 "Final Decision of City Council" of the Code of the City of Bowie to Clarify the Timing of Actions Required of the City Council Regarding Recommendations of the Advisory Planning Board – City Attorney Levan summarized the ordinance. The proposed amendments to be added to the existing language, pertain to appeals from actions taken by the Advisory Planning Board and final decisions of the City Council. These changes will result in the provisions in the City Code being more consistent with standard practices of the County and other jurisdictions.

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-8-24. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Pin Oak Parkway Trail Extension Feasibility Study – Planning Director, Joe Meinert summarized the proposed recommendation. The proposed segment will be using existing road surfaces from Pink Oak Parkway/Dahlia Drive to Mount Oak Road/Nottingham Drive. A stakeholder meeting was held in Woodmore Estates, a total of 16 residents attended. Most residents had mixed feelings about the project. The meeting accomplished its goal of providing some insight into the project and gave residents a way of voicing their concerns. Staff determined that there is a need for the City to contract for a feasibility study to evaluate alternative alignments for the trail extension because there are several other alignments shown on the Trails Master Plan that may be viable alternatives to the route originally proposed by the City's Public Works Department. The FY25 budget already has funding for the design of the trail but not for the study. If there is a consensus of Council to do the study, funds could be used from the Contingency Fund. Staff obtained a cost estimate for the study, which will cost just over \$20,000.

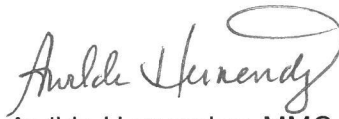
Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley asked how much was in the budget for the design of the trail. Mr. Meinert responded \$129,000. Mayor Pro Tem then asked if the study determines that a longer route is better, is the current funding in the CIP of \$129k still viable? Mr. Meinert responded that he believes so but would confirm with the Public Works Department.

Councilmember Brady asked for clarification of the amount that was adopted in the FY25 budget. Mr. Meinert responded that \$129k is allocated for the design and then in the FY26 budget, staff would request funding for the construction.

Council gave a consensus to proceed with the study in FY25 using Contingency Funds based on the cost estimate received of about \$20,000.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.


Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie on October 7, 2024.