



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2024

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 7, 2024, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

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

QUORUM:

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

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Kone Faulkner, member of the Diversity Committee, read excerpts on Hispanic-Latino Heritage Month honoring the heritage, achievements, and experiences that impact our Hispanic and Latino neighbors.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Rogers motioned to appoint Ms. Gabrielle Sanchez to the Green Team Executive Committee as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley swore in Ms. Sanchez to the committee.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Rogers commented that she participated in three events on civics and government with students from a Boy Scout Troop, Bowie State University and Girl Scout Troop. Councilmember Esteve and Councilmember Brady participated alongside her in two of the events.

Councilmember Esteve thanked staff for the wonderful work on the Old Bowie Festival and the Parkinsons Event at the Senior Center this past weekend.

Councilmember Ndebumadu welcomed and congratulated Bovanti Cosmetics and Spa on their grand opening at the Bowie Town Center. She also commented on a meeting with The Greater Board of Trade on discussions of possible new businesses in the City. Councilmember Ndebumadu is cohosting an event on Wednesday, October 9, along with Comptroller Brooke Lierman on small businesses.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of September 16, 2024 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Adoption of Proclamation P-14-24 Proclaiming October as Energy Action Month in the City of Bowie; C) Adoption of Resolution R-62-24 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie and Awarding a Contract to E. H. Wachs in the Amount of \$83,045.07 for the Purchase of One Swivel Vac Trailer, by Piggybacking a BuyBoard Contract; D) Adoption of Resolution R-63-24 Awarding a Contract to Pay Dirt, LLC for Underdrain Replacement and Installation in an Amount Not to Exceed \$150,000; E) Adoption of Resolution R-64-24 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie and Awarding a Contract to Humphrey & Son, Inc. in the amount of \$1,300,000 for Sewer Main Rehabilitation, by Piggybacking a Frederick County, Maryland Contract; F) Adoption of Resolution R-65-24 Awarding a Contract to P2 Cleaning Services, LLC for Services to Haul and Dispose of Loose Leaves; G) Adoption of Resolution R-66-24 Accepting Bid From Com-Bro Contracting, Inc. for the Purchase and Installation of a Replacement Lime Pug Mill Located at the Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Amount of \$164,400; H) Approval of Letter to M-NCPPC re: FY 2026 Proposed Budget; I) Introduction of Charter Amendment Resolution CAR-1-24 Amending Sec. 2 "To Be Filed Certain Places," Sec. 18A "Express Powers," Sec. 89 "Establishment, Taxes, Administration," and Sec. 98 "Charter Revision Procedures; Miscellaneous" of the City Charter to Amend Outdated References to State Law and Departments of the State; J) Introduction of Charter Amendment Resolution CAR-2-24 Amending Sec. 4 "Qualifications of Councilmembers," of the City Charter to Add That a Councilmember Cannot Have Been Convicted of or Plead Guilty, Nolo Contendere or Entered an Alford Plea, to a Misdemeanor Involving Assault, Battery or Moral Turpitude; K) Introduction of Charter Amendment Resolution CAR-3-24 Amending the Following Sections of the Charter of the City of Bowie: Sec. 6 "Meetings," Sec. 8 "Chairperson," Sec. 9 "Quorum," Sec. 39 "Powers and Duties" Sec. 44 "Adoption of Budget," Sec. 47 "Expenditures in Excess of Appropriations Forbidden," Sec. 73 "City's Powers With Respect to Sidewalks," Sec. 74 "Powers of the City," and Sec. 83 "Right of Entry by City Employees" to Correct Typographical and Grammatical Errors; L) Introduction of Charter Amendment Resolution CAR-4-24 Amending Sec. 32 "Special Elections," and Sec. 33 "Counting Votes; Declaring Results" of the City Charter to Correct References to the City Board of Elections. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

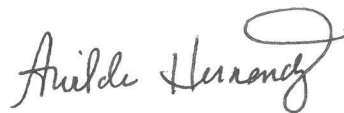
None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting and go into Closed Session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(3): "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto," and §3-305(b)(7): "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice." Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez", with a large, stylized loop at the end of the last name.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie on October 21, 2024.

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

This form has two sides. *Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.*

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 10-7-24; Time: 8:21; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Estevé Seconded by: Brady;
Members in favor: All Aye; Opposed: N/A;
Abstaining: _____; Absent: _____.

2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(1) ☐ "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2) ☐ "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3) ☒ "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4) ☐ "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5) ☐ "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6) ☐ "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7) ☒ "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8) ☐ "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9) ☐ "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10) ☐ "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11) ☐ "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12) ☐ "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13) ☐ "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14) ☐ "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." (15) ☐ "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) ☒ 3	Property Acquisition	Discuss available property
§3-305(b) ☒ 7	Consult with Counsel	Status on Litigation Threat Response
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4. This statement is made by Samuel J. A. L., Presiding Officer.

WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)

- For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:

Time of closed session: 8:30

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): (3)(7) Property Acquisition - Consult with legal Counsel

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Trushle Ndoburu, Esteve Rogers, Brady Wolfley

Persons attending closed session: Levan Trushle, Brady Lott, Wolfley, Rogers, Esteve Mearns, Ndoburu, King, Spurgeon

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (3)(7)

Topics actually discussed: Property acquisition - Litigation Response

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

- For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: _____

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____