



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, June 19, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Esteve, Glass, Marcos, Polangin, and Truth; City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Fiona Moodie, Ithan Lane – Spoke in reference to Councilmember Glass recent DUI arrest (Copy of comments attached).

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Councilmember Truth made a motion and presented Proclamation P-15-17 Recognizing Dr. Mickey L. Burnim for his years of service at Bowie State University to Dr. Burnim. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Councilmember Marcos made a motion and presented Proclamation P-16-17 Congratulating Boy Scout Troop 403 on their 50th Anniversary to representatives of Boy Scout Troop 403. Councilmember Polangin seconded motion. Motion passed 6-0.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported that staff is working on a City Communications Plan and it will be presented to Council for input at the August 7th meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of May 15 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-32-17 Approving Variance Application BV-4-17, A Request by Ms. Letha Clinton to Allow 65 Linear Feet of Six Foot High Wooden Fencing Along Saber Lane When, According to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Such Fencing Shall Not be More Than Four Feet High, at 12335 Stonehaven Lane; C) Approval of Resolution R-33-17 Accepting

MAYOR G. Frederick Robinson **MAYOR PRO TEM** Henri Gardner

COUNCIL Michael P. Estève ♦ Courtney D. Glass ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Isaac C. Truth **CITY MANAGER** Alfred D. Lott
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Bid Proposal for Custodial Services at the Public Works Department; D) Approval of Resolution R-34-17 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Permannet Pavement Markings. Councilmember Glass seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Emergency Ordinance O-3-17 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2016 and Ending June 30, 2017, Embodied in Ordinance O-4-16, as Amended by Ordinance O-3-17, to Authorize the Transfer of Certain Amounts in the 2016-2017 Budget to Pay for Anticipated Expenses - City Manager Lott briefed Council on Ordinance O-3-17 which will authorize the transfer of certain amounts into accounts that, at year-end, will have an excess of expenditures over appropriations. The adjustments in total amount to 1.7% of the adopted FY 2017 final budget of \$72,713,000.

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Marcos made a motion to approve Emergency Ordinance O-3-17 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2017. Councilmember Glass seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bowie Indoor Sports Facility – City Manager Lott reported that Hughes Group Architects have informed the City's BISF Planning Team that the potential cost of the new facility is estimated between \$36,145,000 and \$38,856,000 depending on the type of construction used. The budget approved in the FY 2018 budget was \$23,700,000 for the construction portion of this project.

The City's BISF Planning Team developed some options for Council to consider (Copy of options attached). Given the options presented, staff recommends that City Council choose option F to construct three courts and one ice rink on Glen Allen Park for an estimated construction cost of \$23,072,000. If Council does not wish to pursue option F, staff then recommends that this matter be referred to referendum.

Public Hearing:

1. Janice Knausenberger, Memphis Lane – asked Council to be as conservative as possible in their decision.
2. Bill Schmidt, Sarah Lane – spoke in support of replacing the old ice arena with a new two-sheet ice arena.
3. Chris Wilson, Main Street – spoke in support of construction of a new ice arena.
4. Maddie Falk, Constellation Drive – spoke in support of new ice arena.
5. Edie Falk, Constellation Drive – spoke in support of new ice arena.
6. Sharon Field, Pleasant View Drive – spoke in support of new ice arena.
7. Evette Conwell, Dahlia Drive – is in agreement with all the previous speakers in support.
8. Florence Gibson, Derby Ridge Road – would like for Council to give the citizens a chance to vote on this project.
9. Leon Steinberg, Powell Lane – would like an indoor swimming pool be added to the list of proposed recreation items.

10. Carrie Bridges, Hoven Lane – supports the construction of the facility, especially additional court space.
11. Marsha Salzberg, Manvel Lane – project has been poorly thought out; it needs better research of how money is being spent.
12. Linda Bailey, Medina Lane – suggests that this project be funded by the County and placed on referendum.
13. Margaret Herman, Felter Lane – supports the addition of an indoor swimming pool.
14. Katharine Leavitt, Maureen Lane – supports placing this item in referendum.
15. Lina Younes, Bracken Court – supports the two-sheet ice arena.
16. Fiona Moodie, Ithan Lane – supports placing this item in referendum.

Mayor Robinson stated that there are 29 comments received via email in regards to this matter and they will be added to the record (Copies attached). Since there were no more speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Esteve asked staff what are the exact costs associated with addressing the immediate needs of the existing ice rink in the City and what in staff's assessment are the long term costs associated with keeping that amenity functioning in light of the fact that it's a 40 year building.

City Manager Lott responded that staff does not know what the exact costs of renovating that facility; the City would have to get a professional to make an assessment. Staff currently has a proposal from the architects the City is working with and that proposal is about \$105,000 to get that professional assessment.

Councilmember Esteve then asked if this item was to be placed in referendum, would it be done in conjunction with the 2019 regular City elections.

City Manager Lott responded that it would be up to the decision of Council. A Special Election can be done at a cost of \$30,000 to \$50,000 this year, or it could be a part of the 2019 election, which the expense will already be incurred for that year.

Councilmember Trough asked if it would be feasible to build a second ice arena next to the current ice arena and once that is built, then the current ice arena can be demolished and rebuilt.

City Manager Lott responded that it could be feasible.

Councilmember Esteve asked if they decided to do the ballot question referendum in 2017, what would be the cutoff date for the Council to make a decision on the language for that referendum.

City Clerk Hernandez responded that a special election is to be treated just like a regular election process; at least a minimum of six months would be needed to prepare for the election and have ample time to give notice of the ballot question to the residents of the City.

Councilmember Esteve made a motion to table this item until the first Council meeting in September to allow staff to gather more information on the actual costs to repair/improve the current ice arena and construct another rink next to existing one, what it would entail to move the location of facility to a more central location, which is one of staff's recommendation and prepare the process for possible referendum, Councilmember Glass seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1 (Polangin).

B. Melford Flex Space Uses – Mr. Joe Meinert, City Planning Director, summarized the staff report. St. John Properties has requested a revision to the list of uses allowed in the "flex space"

buildings at Melford. The developer proposes to establish a range of prohibited, rather than permitted, uses for the flex space. Staff is supportive and recommends approval of the change for the flex space only, as it will increase St. John's ability to attract business to the City and will help to maintain the commercial vitality of Melford and the long-term economic development in the City.

Mr. Robert Antonetti, with the law firm Shipley and Horne, representing St. John Properties, urges Council's support of this change.

Public Hearing:

1. John Henry, Pond Meadow Lane – would like to see the addition of no liquor sales, and prohibit the use of any spaces for rave parties added to the list of prohibited businesses in the flex space and strike and replace the word medical in front of cannabis to any.
2. Evette Conwell, Dahlia Drive – expressed that she would like to see high-end businesses and retail come to the location and not additional fast food, nail salons type of businesses.
3. Fiona Moodie, Ithan Lane – spoke in concern that by moving to a prohibited only use it could bring issues to the City if St. John's has problems filling the spaces with tenants.

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

Councilmember Esteve asked if any residential would be allowed in the flex space. Mr. Meinert responded no.

Councilmember Polangin would like to make sure that under the Recreational or entertainment establishment use a line or wording be added to include rave parties.

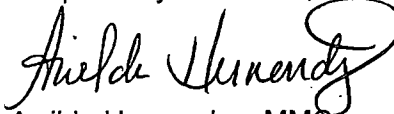
Councilmember Trough wants to make sure that any other type of business that is not on the list be brought before City Council for approval first. Mr. Meinert responded that Council could request the developer to incorporate that statement to the amendment. Mr. Antonetti responded that his client, St. John Properties, would be in agreement with that addition.

Councilmember Polangin made a motion to approve the expansion of the list of permitted uses allowed within the flex space at Melford with the addition that any other type of uses not currently on the list has to come before Council for approval; Councilmember Trough seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Councilmember Trough moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move to Close Session, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(7): To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter; and §3-305(b)(4): To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Bowie City Councilwoman, Courtney Glass, has been charged with Driving Under the Influence, and failure to remain at the scene of an accident, after she allegedly hit a motorcyclist while travelling eastbound in a westbound lane of Annapolis Road in Bowie, Maryland. (See below for a list of charges or click here to view the CaseSearch).

The allegations against Councilwoman Glass follow several months of unearthed ~~corruption and~~ scandals in Prince George's County, ~~Maryland~~.

In January, the FBI charged four people, including David Dae Sok Son - the liquor agency's administrator, and Prince George's County Liquor Board commissioner, Anuj Sud, with federal bribery charges following a long-run corruption probe of the Prince George's County Liquor Board.

Former Maryland State Delegate, Michael Vaughn, was later indicted on federal bribery and wire-fraud charges related to the aforementioned case. If convicted, he could face up to 105 years in federal prison.

An ongoing FBI pay-to-play investigation resulted in Former Maryland State Delegate, Will Campos, pleading guilty to federal bribery charges. Mr. Campos accepted approximately \$50,000 in personal bribes and gave away more than \$325,000 of taxpayer money, set aside for charities and non-profits, in exchange for personal payments and favours.

In November of 2016, Prince George's County Councilman Mel Franklin, was charged with Driving Under the Influence, in an accident that resulted in two injuries. While driving a county-issued vehicle, Councilman Franklin crashed into the back of a car; both the passenger and the driver of the car sustained injuries and were hospitalized. Mr. Franklin had a blood alcohol concentration of 0.10, above the legal limit of 0.08.

This is just one of 3 accidents involving Mr. Franklin + county vehicles
This is ~~not~~ Councilman Franklin's first accident in a county-issued vehicle; in 2012 he crashed his county issued SUV twice, the latter accident resulting in a total loss with over \$33,000 in damage - all taxpayer funded.

Yet, despite pleading guilty to his DUI charges - an incident where his victims were hospitalized and left with residual injuries - Councilman Franklin received nothing more than a slap-on-the-wrist: a \$645 fine

Former Prince George's ~~County~~ liquor board chairman, Charles Caldwell, received a similar sentence after pleading guilty to his ~~December~~ 2016 DUI charges. Mr. Caldwell reportedly asked officers if there was any way they could "make this go away" after crashing his vehicle and failing his field sobriety test with flying colors, following a night out at the pride of Prince George's County: MGM National Harbor Casinos.

In the case of Ms. Glass
If found guilty, Ms. Glass has no business continuing her public service in her capacity as a Bowie City Councilwoman. Nor should Ms. Glass continue holding her public-sector job as an attorney/legislative analyst in the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs of the Office of the Prince George's County Executive, Rushern Baker; receiving two salaries from her constituents' hard-earned dollars.

The statistics relating to drunk driving are grim: an average drunk driver has driven drunk over 80 times prior to their first arrest and 50-75% of those convicted continue to drive on their suspended licenses.

Every day in America, another 27 people die as a result of drunk driving crashes, in 2015 that resulted in 10,265 casualties: mothers, fathers, daughters, sons... 10,265 people. (National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

To not only, allegedly, get behind the wheel while intoxicated, but also, hit a motorcyclist and leave that individual on the side of the road (in an unknown condition, at that!) shows that Ms. Glass lacks compassion, respect for human life, and the ability to conduct herself in a moral and ethical manner.

Councilwoman Courtney Glass has proven that her decision making abilities are fatally flawed; if she is guilty as charged, she should resign, effective immediately, from her position on Bowie City Council and from her position in the Office of the Prince George's County Executive.

<http://www-nrd.nhtsa.dot.gov/Pubs/812231.pdf>

- DRIVING VEHICLE WHILE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF ALCOHOL
- DRIVING WHILE IMPAIRED BY ALCOHOL
- DRIVING VEH. WHILE SO FAR IMPAIRED BY DRUGS AND ALCOHOL CANNOT DRIVE SAFELY
- NEGLIGENT DRIVING VEHICLE IN CARELESS AND IMPRUDENT MANNER ENDANGERING PROPERTY, LIFE AND PERSON
- DRIVING WRONG WAY--ONE WAY STREET
- FAILURE TO RETURN TO & REMAIN AT SCENE OF ACCIDENT INVOLVING ATTENDED VEH.DAMAGE

Indoor Sports Facility Options

The Hughes Group Architects have performed a cost validation of the new Indoor Sports Facility as part of the program evaluation portion of their contract. Unfortunately, this evaluation has determined that the potential cost of the new facility is estimated at between \$36,145,000 and \$38,856,000 depending on the type of construction used. The budget presented in the FY 2018 Budget proposes \$23,700,000 for the construction portion of this project.

Given this situation, the City has several options to consider as to how to proceed with this project as follows:

Option A – Project can be cancelled altogether and hire an architect/engineer to prepare an estimate as to what it would cost to renovate existing ice rink.

Cost - \$162,411 spent to date; additional cost of \$105,000 to do an analysis of existing ice rink.

Pro

- Eliminates potential issue with cost overruns

Con

- Indoor court and ice demand not met.
- Does not address issue of deteriorating infrastructure at existing ice rink.
- If existing ice rink is closed for renovation, could lose customer base to other facilities.

Option B- Project proceeds with original program of five courts and two ice rinks.

Cost - \$36,145,000 to \$38,856,000 depending on type of construction.

Pro

- Provides for original program approved by City Council.
- Addresses issue of deteriorating structure at existing ice rink.

Con

- Project would be over budget by \$12,445,000 to \$15,155,000, depending on type of construction used.
- Most expensive option.

Option C – Reduce Program to three courts and one ice rink.

Cost - \$23,072,000

Pro

- Partially meets original program objectives.
- Stays within proposed project budget.
- Addresses issue of deteriorating structure at existing ice rink.

Con

- Reduces project by two courts and one ice rink.
- May result in reduced revenue to support operating expenses

Option D – Reduce Program to two ice rinks and no courts.

Cost - \$24,401,000

Pro

- Meets original program objectives for ice rink.
- Addresses issue of deteriorating structure at existing ice rink.

Con

- Indoor court demand not met.
- Highest percentage of non-Bowie resident benefit.
- Over current project budget by \$701,000.

Option E – Reduce Program to five courts and no ice rinks.

Cost - \$16,500,000

Pro

- Meets original program objectives for courts.
- Least expensive of reduced option costs.

Con

- Ice demand not met.
- Does not address issue of deteriorating infrastructure at existing ice rink.

Option F – Select one of the reduced options offered above and move location of facility to a location more central to the City (e.g. Glen Allen Park, other).

Cost - \$16,500,000 for five courts and no ice rink
\$23,072,000 for three courts and one ice rink
\$24,401,000 for two ice rinks and no courts

Pro

- Relocates project in the heart of the City rather than outside City limits.
- Leaves Church Road property available for other recreational uses (e.g. ballfields, community garden, etc.)

Con

- Adjacent residents may object to location at this site.
- Does not allow for future expansion
- Potential delay due to need for site analysis
- Relocation to Glen Allen Park would displace one baseball/softball field, one soccer field, two tennis courts, one open field area, one small pavilion and one playground.

Option G – Project can be referred to referendum. If this option is chosen, Council will need to determine how to word the referendum question.

Cost - \$30,000 to \$50,000 to conduct special City Election

Pro

- Registered voters will determine whether they support the project.
- If no vote, eliminates issue with cost overruns.

Con

- Delays project moving forward.
- If no vote on referendum, would still need to address issue of deteriorating infrastructure at ice rink.
- If no vote on referendum, indoor court and ice demand not met.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Timothy Coaxum <coaxumth@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 20, 2017 12:50 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: New indoor sports facility comments

Hello today

I wasn't able to attend meeting but it was suggested I share comments.

I'd say we go with the option to decrease scope.

Take out a court and only one rink. Atleast we'd still have the facility. But this option should be second to exploring the option of another location whereby the scope can remain the same for the original budget of 20 something million.

These two are the best options I'd say for the budget and the community. Unless the city can afford the up charge and keep the same location.

Thank you
Latesha Coaxum
15806 Appleton terrace
Bowie maryland

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: gutzmannl <gutzmannl@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 5:25 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Council meeting and Public Hearing on Indoor Sports Facility

Dear Ms. Hernandez, Councilmen and Councilwomen:

I am writing to you in advance of tonight's council meeting to express my support for the proposed new indoor sports facility.

The addition of another sheet of ice and a new facility are invaluable additions to Bowie's already well utilized ice skating and hockey programs. My family regularly partakes in open skate sessions, skating group lessons, skating camps, skating teams, and hockey programs. Closing the existing rink for extended repairs, including a new floor, puts all of its users at a disadvantage. Figure skaters, hockey players, and recreational users alike need additional ice space and time. Not moving forward with the project would result in skaters moving onto other area facilities.

While I am not a resident of Bowie, my family chooses to skate at the city rink because your staff truly cares about its skating programs. The pride is evident in everything they do. And while I do not pay city taxes, I contribute my money to support, not only the Parks and Recreation programs, but various Bowie restaurants and retailers as well. As a skating family, we spent a lot of time and money in your city.

Thank you in advance for your thoughtful consideration. I trust that you will make the best decision to meet the needs of your Parks and Recreation programs and all City of Bowie residents.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely:
Laila Gutzmann
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Edgewater, MD 21037
410.798.0104
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Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

Awilda Hernandez

From: Valarie Ashley <vbashley58@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:27 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: Mayor; Diane Polangin
Subject: Comments re Future Indoor Sports Facility. Please include as part of the public record of the meeting

To Whom It May Concern:

My plans to attend this evening's meeting have changed so I am requesting that my comments be included as part of the public record of the meeting.

First of all, I have been a resident of the City of Bowie since November of 2007 and it is through the Nextdoor Bowie app that I first learned about this issue of the Sports Facility which was advertised as having a cost of \$27M.

It is for this reason that I will cut and paste my reply with some edits on that site for these comments.

This expenditure which I understand is greater than that of our City Hall is significant enough that it should have been/should be a ballot initiative. To do something this large that has an impact on every taxpaying citizen of the city with so little opportunity for input is antithetical to the democratic process. It is not something that I am in favor of, however, if it were a ballot initiative that won I wouldn't be happy but I would accept it. I have heard that the existing rink could be renovated for around \$1M and I would be in favor of preserving this existing asset. I have heard the argument that the demand for ice rink time exceeds what is available in the city, county and neighboring county of Anne Arundel. If that is indeed a part of the motivation to build the new and larger facility, then I believe that becomes the responsibility of the county or counties to address the need. Having reviewed the 7 options that were suggested in the press release, I would be in favor of canceling the project, putting the project into a ballot initiative for the next city elections or creating a capital campaign and look towards businesses and individuals to support the bulk of the costs. Given that the city has used reserves recently to help balance the budget, this feels like a luxury item.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. If needed, I am a resident of Lerner PI.

Regards,

Valarie Ashley

Awilda Hernandez

From: Dustin Kuzan <dustin.kuzan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:23 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: Diane Polangin
Subject: Tonight's Council Meeting

Ms. Hernandez,

I'd like to submit the following comments for Tonight's meeting regarding the subject of the new Sports facility:

As of now, the indoor sports facility project is budgeted for \$25M over the next 3 years. This is 45% of the entire 6-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP). All the other recreational improvements including museums, trails and the gym, over 6 years total \$8.2 M (15%). The most recent cost estimate for the facility now expects it will cost \$39M, or 70% of the entire CIP. This is a massive cost for one recreational project and it could limit future resources away from other projects that may have a greater overall benefit to the recreational opportunities of the City. Approving additional funding on top of an already huge cost, for one project that will benefit only a fraction of the citizens, would be an irresponsible use of City resources.

I am okay with the City Staff recommendation of Option F, as I think it's a reasonable compromise to keep the project moving forward, even if it is still a little high in cost. I strongly believe that moving forward with the project without concern for the increased budget and reconsideration of the location is a huge mistake.

Relocating the facility to Glen Allen Park will have many benefits including helping to maintain the centralized recreational culture that currently exists in that area of the City. Removing the ice arena from that area will significantly take away from the centralized recreational opportunities that currently exist. It may also lead to decreased use by "walk-in" customers that use the ice arena because they happened to be at Allen Pond Park and decided last minute to ice skate (as I did the one time I used it). It also seems reasonable to utilize the open space in the Glenn Allen/Allen Pond Parks area for a recreational facility since currently in that vicinity there are 17 soccer fields and several baseball fields in that one area.

Any additional funding needed for the facility should come from other partnerships, and not be at the expense of other City projects. \$23M, or 41%, of the 6 year CIP budget is substantially more than enough for a "luxury" facility that is not necessary, and will probably be used by, or benefit, less than 20% of the tax base. Private partnerships with non-profits or investors/land developers in the City should be sought to help cover the financial burden of this project.

Thank you.

Dustin Kuzan
13010 Silver Maple Ct, Bowie, MD

Awilda Hernandez

From: Dana Puzey <dana.puzey@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 4:07 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Indoor Sports Facility Citizen Input - public record - June 19, 2017 Bowie City Council Meeting

As a home owner in the City of Bowie and in light of the above anticipated cost for the Indoor Sports Facility planned for the Church Road property, I am in favor of the combination of the two following options:

f. Select one of the reduced options offered above and move the location of the facility to a location more central in the City (e.g. Glen Allen Park, other).

AND

c. Reduce program to three courts and one ice rink. Cost - \$23,072,000

Regardless of anticipated costs, moving the site to be more centrally located has my strong support. I am in favor of the inclusion of other uses for the facility, such as meeting spaces (explicitly stated feature) and an indoor play space for the use of children attending the athletic activities of siblings. Please also include family friendly amenities such as child height friendly hand washing and semi-private/private nursing spaces.

Please include my statement in the public record.

Thank you,
Dana Puzey
Rockledge

Comments regarding the Bowie Indoor Sports Facility

Jacqueline Lord (15808 Plainview Ln, Bowie, MD 20716) 06-19-17

For inclusion as public record of June 19, 2017 City Council Meeting

I am **opposed** to continuing the Bowie Indoor Sports Facility project as currently planned:

- I was opposed to the magnitude of funding for the initial project.
- I believe that incurring the \$8-\$11 million cost overrun will further diminish the City's ability to address other projects important to a larger segment of the residents. Comments based on City Manager report of 8-28-16.
- I am in favor of a project that includes construction of a single ice arena to replace the current facility which is out of date.
 - Design plans should include options for expansion
 - If additional expansion is needed, additions should be constructed at a later time after evaluation of costs in relation to other necessary city projects.
- The actual need for this facility was based on marketing research performed on a small segment of the population (60 interviews, 37 organization surveys, 634 residents, 294 non-residents) and included non-residents and outside organizations (potentially with special interests). In several cases, the opinions of non-residents differed from residents. Non-resident opinions influenced the decision but the consequences of pursuing this facility has the potential of negatively affecting residents and their quality of life.
- The indoor facility benefits a small portion of the city population given the size of the project.
 - It primarily meets the needs of organized athletics.
 - The cost of this facility should not diminish the ability of the city to devote funds to other projects that affect a greater proportion of the residents (green space, public plazas and "connection spaces", walking paths and bike trails, and important "infrastructure" projects)
- I am opposed to moving a facility any larger than the current ice arena footprint to Glen Allen Park because it would remove important green space and "connection space" which benefits more Bowie residents.

Additional considerations regarding sports facility plans:

- According to the feasibility study (May 2013), the success of the Bowie Indoor Sports Facility depends on the City's ability to drive traffic into the facility and make progress towards a more sustainable pricing structure among other things:
 - The courts at the City gymnasium do not cover their operating costs because they cannot charge high enough fees. The ice arena can cover a greater proportion of its expenses but still operates at a loss. These facilities have been operating at a loss for a significant period. Achieving a "more sustainable" pricing structure does not seem likely in the near future. This observation is another reason for not taking on additional expenses related to this project.
 - The location of the new facility is at the very edge of Bowie compared to the more central location of the City Gym and current Ice Arena. The ability to maintain the same traffic flow, especially for non-organized events, may be less successful with the new location. This should be viewed as another cause for concern.
- Glen Allen Park is one of the only green spaces in Bowie that is available for the citizens of Bowie to congregate and connect in non-organized activities (e.g., picnics, concerts, walking, fishing, boating, etc.)
 - Locating any facility larger than the footprint of the current ice arena will remove green space and "meeting space" which is very important to the quality of life of all Bowie residents
 - One proposal in the feasibility study was to use the vacated space from the current ice arena as a turf field. I am in favor of creating more area for public use of green space.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Stephen Lord <sjlord12345@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 2:48 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez; Stephen Lord; Jacqueline Lord
Subject: Comments on Bowie Indoor Sports Facility Project (BISF)
Attachments: Comments on the Proposed Future Bowie Indoor Sports Facility_sjl.v3.docx

Please find my attached full comments on the BISF Project.
The text is copied below.

I welcome the opportunity to comment on stated options for developing the proposed future Bowie Indoor Sports Facility (BISF). I believe the major need in this context is to replace the aging Bowie Ice Rink at Allen Pond.

Options are:

- Proceeding with original program of five courts and two ice rinks, Cost=\$36.1 M (min) to \$38.9 M (max)
I oppose proceeding with this option for the following reasons:
 - o the overall cost is too large and the value-(to all Bowie residents) is questionable;
 - o it is a major upgrade to existing facilities and does not fit the major need noted above; and
 - o it will be a continued burden on the City budget. Debt financing annual costs alone are approximately \$1 M per year (ref: Fitzwater memo to City Council, 8/29/2016).
- Reductions to the original program scope or relocation of the project to a different site
I oppose these reductions because they do not address efficiently the major need. I oppose relocation to Glen Allen Park because it will have a major negative impact on existing Park facilities and green space.
- Choosing another option that may be proposed at the meeting
I support building a more modern, single ice rink facility at the purchased site. This building should be planned to accommodate additional facilities in the future. Plans should include affordable additional facilities.

Thanks
Stephen Lord
Plainview Lane
Bowie 20716

Awilda Hernandez

From: Arnwine, Patricia <Patricia.Arnwine@fda.hhs.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: COMMENT for Bowie City Council Regarding New Indoor Sports Facility

Importance: High

As a 26 year Bowie resident, I am writing to express my vehement objection to the City of Bowie Council proceeding with the new sports complex facility project. I believe the majority of residents of this City *do not want* and *cannot afford* the cost of this project, particularly any related tax increase to support the project. It is obscene to spend money on this project when the City needs to expend it's funds on the repair and upkeep of existing infrastructure, and provide needed City services. In my Northridge neighborhood, we need infrastructure repairs, and an ongoing nighttime police presence in order to rest without fear of unknown people lurking and behaving inappropriately on our streets and in our parking lots.

If the City Council continues to support this project, and ignore the more important, and real concerns and needs of residents, it's very likely that the remaining solidly middle class Bowie residents will be forced to leave this community.

Patricia Arnwine
Bowie Resident

Awilda Hernandez

From: James Bailey <jimbailey43@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 2:25 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Ice Rink

Good afternoon,

I may not make it tonight, so I am passing along some questions for consideration.

1. What is the confidence factor of the estimate (50% or 80%)? This should be included in the report that was delivered by the firm performing the estimate. This is critical - a low confidence factor indicates a high probability of a future cost increase.
2. What is the limit of authority for the City Council in terms of obligating money for projects without placing these projects on the ballot? This limit in Council authority should be in the City Charter.
3. What is the source of funding for this project (regardless of final cost)? Bonds, taxes, grant from the State?
4. What is the opportunity cost of obligating these funds (regardless of source)? In other words, what will not get funded as a result of obligating these funds?
5. Finally, what is the period expected for a Return On Investment (ROI)? In other words, what are the predicted dates the facility will (1) pay for itself, and (2) bring revenue into the city?

This revised cost estimate represents a > 60% increase; clearly there is a need to re-evaluate this decision.

I recommend this project be placed before the voters as an initiative in the fall.

I look forward to your reply.

Sincerely,

James J. Bailey, PMP
3413 Medina Lane
Bowie, MD 20715
(301)741-9840

Awilda Hernandez

From: Elizabeth Vinnedge <elizabethloo@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 2:03 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: Michael Esteve; Dawn Wampler; Susan C. Miller; Thelma/Gordon Harvey
Subject: Expensive and Wasteful Indoor Sport Courts Are NOT Needed

6/19/17

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a long-time Bowie resident and I always paid my State, county and City taxes on-time to support the growth of Bowie City services.

However, this time I DO NOT SUPPORT the proposed New Indoor Sport Courts with an escalating construction costs to \$38+million dollars.

I myself, like many long time Bowie Citizens, are getting older (and/or actually quite old and fragile) and we have NO USE of your proposed new ice-skating rinks! So why should we waste our hard earned dollars to pay for something that is irrelevant and meaningless to us.

I strongly suggest the Bowie council think deeply and carefully about this escalating expenses on the 2 new ice skating rinks and fancy new indoor sport courts. Please don't waste our tax money but use it wisely to support and service the real needs of city residents. And please DO NOT cause the issuance of more costly bonds to finance this project that would just add more to our debts or erode the little reserves we have accumulated.

If you can't cancel the entire project then at least scale it back as much as you can.

Sincerely,
Elizabeth Loo Vinnedge
4805 Rocky Spring Lane
Bowie, Maryland, 20715
Direct: 301-464-0416
Cell: 301-646-7757
Email: elizabethloo.usa@gmail.com
Web: www.elizabethloo.com

Awilda Hernandez

From: BJ <bjenglis@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 1:30 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: bjenglis@aol.com
Subject: Fwd: Options to Address Higher Cost of Project

I advertently sent this response from an incorrect email.

From:
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 1:18 PM
To: 'ahernandez@cityofbowie.org'
Subject: Options to Address Higher Cost of Project

My two options are listed below thank you.

1. Canceling the project
2. Reducing program to three courts and no ice rink.*

Options to Address Higher Cost of Project

At its meeting on June 19, City Council will review all available options for a new Indoor Sports Facility, including:

- a. *Canceling the project. Proceeding with original program of five courts and two ice rinks, Cost - \$36,145,000 to \$38,856,000 depending on type of construction*
- b. *Reducing program to three courts and one ice rink. Cost - \$23,072,000*
- c. *Reducing program to two ice rinks and no courts. Cost - \$24,401,000*
- d. *Reducing program to five courts and no ice rinks. Cost - \$16,500,000**
- e. *Selecting one of the reduced options offered above and move the location of the facility to a location more central in the City (e.g. Glen Allen Park, other) or*
- f. *Selecting another option that is raised at the meeting*

Awilda Hernandez

From: Murphy, Celia <Celia.Murphy@USPTO.GOV>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 1:24 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: COMMENT for Public Hearing on Indoor Sports Facility (City Council Meeting)

I have lived in Bowie for 25 years and am increasingly disappointed with the city council's inability to prioritize and manage.

The notion of installing a \$36-39 million sports facility in a city that needs basic services, and road and infrastructure repairs is ludicrous; not to mention irresponsible! It is tantamount to perfuming a pig!

The city's community centres and gathering places that are already in existence need refurbishing. Our city managers need to find a way to return Bowie to its pride in COMMUNITY—which is not through sports! Our culture has already saturated every aspect of our daily lives with sports. Working hard and making a name for one's self in sports has taken precedence over working hard to put others first and building a community through personal responsibility and interpersonal interaction.

A multi-million dollar sports complex only serves to promote our council's self-centredness; ignoring the needs of its constituents. This project should be cancelled.

YES, my moving away from Bowie would be all too easy. But I remember what drew me here 25 years ago, and would prefer not to move.

Celia Murphy
Bowie resident

Awilda Hernandez

From: Belinda Press
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 12:49 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Indoor Sports Facility Project

Ms. Hernandez,

While it is unfortunate I won't be able to make the meeting tonight. I am vehemently opposed to spending the final cost of \$39 million and the \$23.7 million. I think a reduction in the scope of the project is best or possible changing the site location. Please reply to bcpress46@verizon.net.

Thank you.

Belinda C. Press

Awilda Hernandez

From: Malinda <bass5533@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 11:43 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Future Indoor Sport Facility

2/3 basketball courts
2 ice rinks
Allen pond area

Malinda

Malinda

Awilda Hernandez

From: Stephen Williams <bigbirdwilliams@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 9:31 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Bowie Indoor Sports Facility

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to provide my input to the council meeting tonight on the Proposed Indoor Sports Facility. I am strongly opposed to the expenditure of funds for this facility. The population of Bowie does not warrant this type of facility and certainly not at the cost factors outlined. Why do we need two (2) ice rinks, one NHL sized and a second one as stated. There are more than enough basketball courts in the city gym and the Prince George's Community Centers located within the city to meet the needs of the community. With the ill advised proposed growth of apartments and other high density housing at the back of shopping malls and within Melford, our fair city is turning into an area that will soon be devoid of the long time residents of Bowie. I and others who have lived here for over twenty (20) years are looking to move and leave the cit to its own devices.

The monies could be better spent on fixing the deplorable roads and providing for the citizens of the community than building a facility that is unwise and too expensive.

Regards,

Stephen J Williams
12703 Millstream Drive
Bowie, MD 20715

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GOD Bless America



Awilda Hernandez

From: Beth Tanner <e.morris.tanner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 9:45 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Comments on Indoor Sports Facility Plan

Good morning,

Unfortunately I won't be able to attend this evening's City Council meeting regarding the Indoor Sports Facility but I would like to provide my comments on this project, and request that they are read into the public record of tonight's meeting.

I don't think this project is a good use of the City's money. The city has already been dipping into reserves to meet our budget - that tells me that we can't comfortably shoulder the burden of additional construction and operating expenses for this facility. Even if we could raise the additional capital required, the operating costs proposed have the facility operates at a significant loss for several years.

While I understand that various recreational groups were consulted during the initial study, I don't think Bowie's hockey and skating population can support these additional rinks, and I don't think the city will see the kind of visiting traffic to hotels, restaurants, etc. that I heard put forward by a member of City Council in support of this project. I don't think there is overall support in the community for these facilities.

I didn't think this project was necessary or useful even at the earlier cost estimate, and I'm not at all surprised that the estimate has grown (and likely will continue to grow). While it would be nice to have additional facilities in the city, they're hardly a 'must have' when we are taking money from reserves already and when there are many higher-priority projects. If we halt this project now, our sunk costs will be lower (depending on contractual requirements).

I recommend the City Council cancel this project, and move forward with improvements/repairs to the existing ice rink if desired.

Regards,

Beth Tanner
Huntington

Awilda Hernandez

From: Mavis Kleso <mavis@appraisalfoundation.org>
Sent: Monday, June 19, 2017 8:15 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Indoor Sports Facility

Dear City Council Members:

As a resident of Bowie, I urge the council to vote to cancel the Indoor Sports Facility project. Bowie already has an ice rink and several outdoor basketball courts. The cost for something that is not needed is extravagant and a waste of money.

Thank you,
Mavis Kleso
8316 River Park Road
Bowie, MD 20715

Awilda Hernandez

From: cat01 <cat01@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 11:45 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Indoor Sports Facility

Please include these comments as part of the public record:

Based on the grossly underestimated fiscals, this project should be canceled. Perhaps, such a project should be approached by establishing the budget first, then designing a workable facility to fit the budget.

CA Thompson
Pennington Lane

Sent from my Galaxy Tab A

Awilda Hernandez

From: jj6n@virginia.edu on behalf of Jessica Jeanty <Jessica.Jeanty@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 10:20 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez; Mayor; Henri Gardner; James Marcos; Michael Esteve; Diane Polangin; Courtney Glass; Isaac Trough
Subject: Comments on Bowie Indoor Sports Facility

I'm writing to share my comments about the proposed Bowie indoor sports facility. The City should revise the project to only build an aquatics facility (if it would not exceed the current \$24 million budget) or cancel the project altogether. There are already enough existing options for various courts and an ice rink, but not enough options for publicly available aquatics facilities.

I hope the Council will take careful consideration of my comments and suggestions, and I thank you for the opportunity to present them.

Sincerely,

Jessica J.

Jessica Jeanty, Esq.
(540) 429-2419 | Jessica.Jeanty@gmail.com

Awilda Hernandez

From: Dan Lee <dglee2@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, June 18, 2017 8:15 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Indoor Sports Facility

My comment: The proposed indoor sports facility has gotten too expensive and should be reconsidered for cost reasons and location. It is poorly located for most residents of Bowie.

I personally won't use any of the activities planned. Would really like to have an indoor swimming facility.

Daniel G. Lee
2010 Penfield Lane, Bowie

Awilda Hernandez

From: Peter Theodore <pete_diana@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 6:26 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Indoor Sports Facility

This facility should NOT be built if it increases taxes – now or in the future!

s/s,
Peter Theodore

Awilda Hernandez

From: Sheri Lynne Hoffman <cogitabund@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 1:02 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Do not fund the indoor sports complex!

Please put my comments into the record.

Sheri Lynne Hoffman

I am not in support of the indoor sports complex.

Most Bowie residents would not benefit from this complex; it seems that this will be a regional complex, funded by City of Bowie taxpayers like me. That is ridiculous.

I'm glad that Bowie owns green space within City limits. We need more park space, as the City Council and Mayor have gone crazy with approving development projects, like the ridiculous apartments in Marketplace that the majority of City residents didn't want and that the City doesn't need. (We do need senior housing, and the Council could have had the developers make two-story senior housing buildings, which would not have had the adverse impact that mid-rise apartments to younger people with/without kids will.)

I do NOT want City money spent on an indoor sports complex. The money already spent on the project is a "sunk cost" meaning it is in the past, and can't be the driver for making future decisions.

The former accountant in me would write-off any expenses on designing the white elephant project and focus on finding someone to design a park like Allen's Pond or Whitehall. We need woods, wooded trails, picnic tables, some playground equipment and maybe soccer/baseball fields. Things that families, singles, seniors and disabled people can enjoy.

I support repairing the existing ice rink at Allen's Pond. I understand it needs a complete resurfacing and that would cost \$1 million or so. Money well-spent.

If AA County wanted a regional indoor sports complex, they should have funded one and put it somewhere in all that Waugh Chapel development. If PG County wants a regional indoor sports complex, let them fund it - and find a space where there is existing hardscape that needs to be repurposed. Don't destroy one of the few remaining green spaces in the Bowie area with an overpriced indoor sports complex that the majority of City residents have no use for.

The decision to move forward on this project was based significantly on a flawed survey (with ~600 people, I believe). The survey participants weren't chosen and weighted to represent the different segments of City resident demographics. I personally believe the survey was weighted heavily toward people who were already using the ice rink. It was careless of the Council to use a flawed survey like this as justification to spend \$10 million of taxpayer money.

It is NOT too late to stop this project from moving forward ... so, STOP THIS PROJECT FROM MOVING FORWARD!!

We do not want the City to take on more debt to fund a project like this. We don't want the reserve funds used to fund a project like this. We don't want property taxes to increase to fund a project like this.

We want smaller, greener projects moving forward. Less hardscape and more landscape. Bowie had been a lovely city with wooded areas but it has become a maze of hardscape buildings and parking lot pavement. Bowie City Council has become too bonded to developers and this must stop.

No indoor sports complex!! Use the lovely land to develop a park instead. We need the green space, not basketball courts and more ice rinks. Fix the existing ice rink.

Thank you. Sheri Hoffman 12618 Chanler Lane, Bowie MD 20715

Awilda Hernandez

From: Pat Ruggiero <patruggiero1959@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 11:24 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Sports complex

Much too expensive. Use some funds to update existing sports facilities and not build the new one.

Excuse my thumbs--Sent from my iPhone.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Michele Herring <michele.ann.herring@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 10:26 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Indoor Sports Center Response

Dear Council members,

I am a citizen of Bowie going on 20 years now. I would like my comments to go on record that I vote for just more courts for the new indoor facility. The ice arena at Allan Pond Park is already fulfilling our city needs in my opinion. The courts at Northview gym are always packed and new courts would suit the needs of this community better and at a much lower cost to the taxpayers. Please do not build an ice arena so a small percentage of Bowie residents use it! A very LARGE number of people using the ice arena don't even LIVE in BOWIE! I know the ice skating director for the show teams travels from the Eastern Shore to run the ice arena as well as many of her students come from Anne Arundel, Calvert, and Howard counties. She does not live in Bowie and easily half her students don't either. Why not charge them more? MUCH MORE? The new ice arena would NOT be meeting Bowie's needs, but the needs of other families in other cities and counties than our own. Why are we building another ice rink at our expense so non Bowie citizens can get all the benefits? Personally, I would like to see an indoor pool facility. Why not build something that would meet the needs of our current citizens with something that doesn't already exist?

So, please mark my vote for just the courts. That is all we really need and it is well under the budget. (Which we all KNOW is not a real number and is always more than projected). So, I recommend erring on the side of caution and build the courts since that will probably go up a few million and be closer to the original budget estimate to begin with.

Sincerely,
Michele Herring

Awilda Hernandez

From: Bill <IAGolem@comcast.net>
Sent: Saturday, June 17, 2017 10:09 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Indoor Sports Facility Comment

I feel that this project is unnecessary. The city has many fine sports facilities in the immediate area. We do not need another duplicative facility. The money could be better used elsewhere.

– Stay well

–=[William C. Mauer]=–

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No fear!



Awilda Hernandez

From: JLoftus496@aol.com
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 2:01 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Cc: JLoftus496@aol.com
Subject: Proposed New Sports Complex

Hi Awilda,

I can't make the city meeting on Monday dealing with the new proposed sports complex but I want to pass along some comments. You can pass these to the city council members.

The city needs to cancel this idea. The cost has now increased to \$39M from \$23M. Why isn't the Maryland National Capital Park & Planning Commission taking care of this need vs the city? I believe city residents pay money to this organization via their taxes. The city is about to face major cost issues dealing with its water supply and distribution in another year. Clean water is more important than basketball courts.

jim loftus
2702 Federal lane
301-262-7046

Awilda Hernandez

From: Lisa Reid <belisima@verizon.net>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 1:17 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Indoor Sports Facility Project

Ms. Hernandez,

Please share this comment with the City Council.

Has the city surveyed to determine whom would benefit from this facility, if so, how can city residents access this data?

Additionally, given the cost taxpayers will incur to revamp the city's water supply, building an indoor sports facility is a heavy burden and unnecessary.

Thank you.

Lisa Reid

Yorktown Resident



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Awilda Hernandez

From: Pat <patthequeen@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 10:30 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez

I cannot attend the meeting but wish to voice my opinion. This ice rink and everything that goes with it is totally absurd. We are the sheep being led to the slaughter and how can the citizens of Bowie be hit again and again with higher taxes. I feel like I am living in Laurel. You people need to think about the people living in Bowie and not the ever living buck.

Pat Theall
M section
Sent from Mail for Windows 10

Awilda Hernandez

From: Leon Steinberg <watash1999@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, June 16, 2017 9:40 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Sports Complex

I would like to suggest that a swim facility be included in the new Sports Complex. With the Aging of buoys population I think there would be great interest and need for such and all year indoor facility.
Leon Steinberg

Awilda Hernandez

From: Lsp <lspgolf@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 4:12 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Re: june 19,2017 meeting

Sent from my iPad

> On Jun 14, 2017, at 4:08 PM, Lsp <lspgolf@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> since I am a senior citizen and original owner of a home in Yorktown, I believe enough is enough and a project of this size must be referred to a referendum. How much increase to our tax bill will this per year. The location is like build it and they will come Will they, I wonder . I like Bowie is trying to compete with the center at the the old capital center.

> The only way I believe it will be approved is if you has private money, Verizon or some bank to build it and it would be call Verizon Sport Center.

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sent before I signed it.

Lewis Pollack

13318 Yarland Lane

Bowie,Md

> Sent from my iPad

Awilda Hernandez

From: Sara McQueeney <sara.mcqueeney@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 2:13 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: New ice arena/ sports complex

I have been made aware of the increased cost of the new sports complex. I think the investment is important. We use the current ice arena as members of the skating team as well as for public skating sessions. As a hockey player with limited ice available I would love to see more ice! I also feel that the impact of a sports complex on the area youth would be tremendously positive. And the possibly negative effects of not having the complex are vast. Please keep this in mind.

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: Elizabeth Kreitzer <eakreitzer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 6:13 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Indoor Sports facility

Dear City Clerk,

Please allow my comments to be put on record regarding the Indoor Sports Facility discussion. As the parent of a Bowie Hockey Club player as well as a BHC Board Member I am opposed to building a facility with only one sheet of ice. We already have a facility with one sheet of ice that we have outgrown. There are other facilities in Bowie where the public can access basketball courts but no other facility where our kids can skate. I understand that the projected cost has risen quite a bit but I am still FOR building the facility with two sheets of ice. Perhaps there is a better location that will be more cost effective. I wish I was able to attend the meeting to hear other opinions, unfortunately I am unable. Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion on this matter.

Elizabeth A Kreitzer

Awilda Hernandez

From: M R <mr7274@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 13, 2017 5:02 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: Comments on Indoor Sports Facility Project

Ms. Hernandez,

Please enter these comments into the record.

- 1) Is the current ice rink being used at capacity? If not, then we don't need another one.
- 2) Why are only basketball courts and ice rinks being evaluated? Why not other types of facilities, though I guess the court could be used for group fitness classes and such.

If the project is given permission to go ahead given the full capacity of the current ice rink, I vote to scale it back, using option C *Reducing program to three courts and one olympic ice rink.*

Matt

Awilda Hernandez

From: John Dutrow <john.dutrow@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, June 12, 2017 1:25 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: new facility

I recommend creating 2 more facilities like the current gym that are located in neighborhoods where they are safely reached by children. I recommend that the city work with a private company to build a one or two ice sheet facility at a location of their choice, perhaps at the science center location.

John Dutrow, Sport4All.org

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Date: 6/19/17 Time: 10:07pm Location: City Hall Motion to close meeting made by: Truth
Seconded by Esteve Members voting in favor: Robinson, Truth, Glass, Marcos
Polangin, Esteve Opposed: _____ Abstaining: _____ Absent: Gardner

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (check all that apply):

- ☐ (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; or 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 on a legal matter;
- ☐ (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.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

§3-305(b) (4) To consider proposal for retaining business in the City.

§3-305(b) (7) To consult with legal counsel on a tax matter.

§3-305(b) () _____

This statement is made by Maya Robinson, Presiding Officer: 
SIGNATURE

WORKSHEET FOR USE IN CLOSED SESSION (CHECKLIST OF DISCLOSURES TO BE MADE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING- NOT A PART OF THE CLOSING STATEMENT)

PERSONS ATTENDING CLOSED SESSION: Robinson, Truth, Esteve, Glass, Marcos, Polangin, Lott, Fitzwater
King, Leva

TOPICS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED A proposal for retaining a business in the city and to
consult with legal counsel on a tax matter.

ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY) AND RECORDED VOTES: _____

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 10:45 PM

PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION Bowie City Hall

PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: Business retention + to discuss a tax legal matter

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) (4); (7); ()

MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: Robinson, Truth, Esteve, Glass, Marcos + Polangin