



# City of Bowie

## Regular City Council Meeting

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Monday, April 21, 2025  
Council Chambers - 8 p.m.

### AGENDA

- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. **QUORUM**
- IV. **AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS**
- V. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**
- VI. **PRESENTATIONS**
- VII. **CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**
  - A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-in
- VIII. **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- IX. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
- X. **CONSENT AGENDA**
  - A. Approval of February 18, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes
  - B. Adoption of Proclamation P-9-25 Recognizing April 26, 2025, as Arbor Day in Bowie
  - C. Adoption of Resolution R-17-25 Awarding a Contract for HVAC Replacement at DPW Streets and Utilities Building
  - D. Adoption of Resolution R-19-25 Waive Bidding for Purchase of Gas Service Installation for the New Single Sheet Ice Arena to be Located at 7800 Laurel-Bowie Road
- XI. **OLD BUSINESS**
- XII. **NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Prince George's County Public Schools Safety and Security - A representative from Prince George's County Public Schools Safety and Security will update Council on the safety of schools in the County.
  - B. City Council Municipal Grants - City Council will discuss processes for awarding Municipal Grants.
- XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**
- XIV. **BUDGET WORKSESSION #2**
  - A. Public Works Department, Water and Sewer Divisions

**Note:** The Ethics Commission has advised that under certain circumstances, members of the public may qualify as lobbyists when they testify before the City Council. If so, the Bowie Ethics Ordinance requires that certain information be filed with the Ethics Commission. Please review the information about lobbying that is provided with the City Clerk. If you have any questions about lobbying, please contact the Ethics Commission or the Assistant City Manager.

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**NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOWIE CITY COUNCIL - MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025 - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 8:00 P.M.**



## Memorandum

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk

**SUBJECT:** Committee Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-in

**DATE:** 04/17/2025

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### Committee Appointments:

1. Ms. Cia Palmer was interviewed on April 7, 2025, for appointment to the Economic Development Committee. Council concurred to appoint her to the Committee as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Please have Councilmember Brady move to appoint her.
2. Mr. Cristoph Beck was interviewed on April 7, 2025, for appointment to the Community Outreach Committee. Council concurred to appoint him to the Committee as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Please have Councilmember Estève move to appoint him.
3. Mr. Will Stein was interviewed on April 7, 2025, for appointment to the Public Safety Committee. Council concurred to appoint him to the Committee as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Please have Councilmember Brady move to appoint him.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRAURY 18, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, February 18, 2025, 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 of the United States of America.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Brady, Estève (virtual), Ndebumadu (arrived 8:07p.m.), Rogers, Truesdale (virtual) and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

City Clerk Hernandez stated for the record that three comments were received via email (copies attached).

1. Valerie Hall-Yancey, Gideon St.. – Spoke regarding concerns with the new leadership of Bowie Community Media Corporation.
2. Stephanie Gaines-Bryant, Everwood Ct. – Spoke regarding concerns with the new leadership of Bowie Community Media Corporation.
3. Lauren Semeniuk – Thanked Council for the proclamation presented to Bowie CLAW on the celebration of their 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Mayor Adams presented Proclamation P-1-25 to Lambda Gamma Gamma Chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. on the occasion of their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- B. Diversity Committee member, Elveeda Dixon, gave a brief excerpt on Black History Month.
- C. Community Outreach Committee members, Mary Ellen Winlund and Destinee Parker, spoke on the importance of heart health as Heart Health Awareness Month is celebrated in February.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to appoint Mr. Jacque Crumpton to the Community Outreach Committee as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Adams swore in Mr. Crumpton to the Community Outreach Committee.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley commented on the electronic recycling event being held on Saturday, February 22 at the Public Works parking lot from 8 a.m. to 2p.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of Letter to Prince George's County DPW&T re: Tree Planting along Mitchellville Road; B) Introduction of Ordinance O-3-25 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2024 and Ending June 30, 2025, As Embodied in Ordinance O-4-24, Amended by Ordinance O-7-24, and O-2-25 to Appropriate Funds for the Following Projects: \$214,500 for Water Main Replacement and \$40,100 to Fund the Replacement of a Public Works Vehicle. Councilmember Rogers second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Public Safety Committee Presentation – Committee Chair Billings presented to Council the committee's recommendation of having Prince George's County Public Schools Superintendent attend a Council meeting to discuss security measures and improvements emphasizing schools in the City. The committee's primary concern is ensuring that the public schools in the City of Bowie are prioritized, and that security threats are addressed.

Councilmember Brady stated that he is in support of having this briefing by Prince George's County School Superintendent or a representative.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Billings for his presentation.

B. Information Technology Committee Presentation – Committee Chair Eidsness, briefed Council on the committee's FY26 priorities which will focus on Smart City Framework, municipal compliance with ADA on the City's website and monitoring the County's AI applications where they impact municipalities.

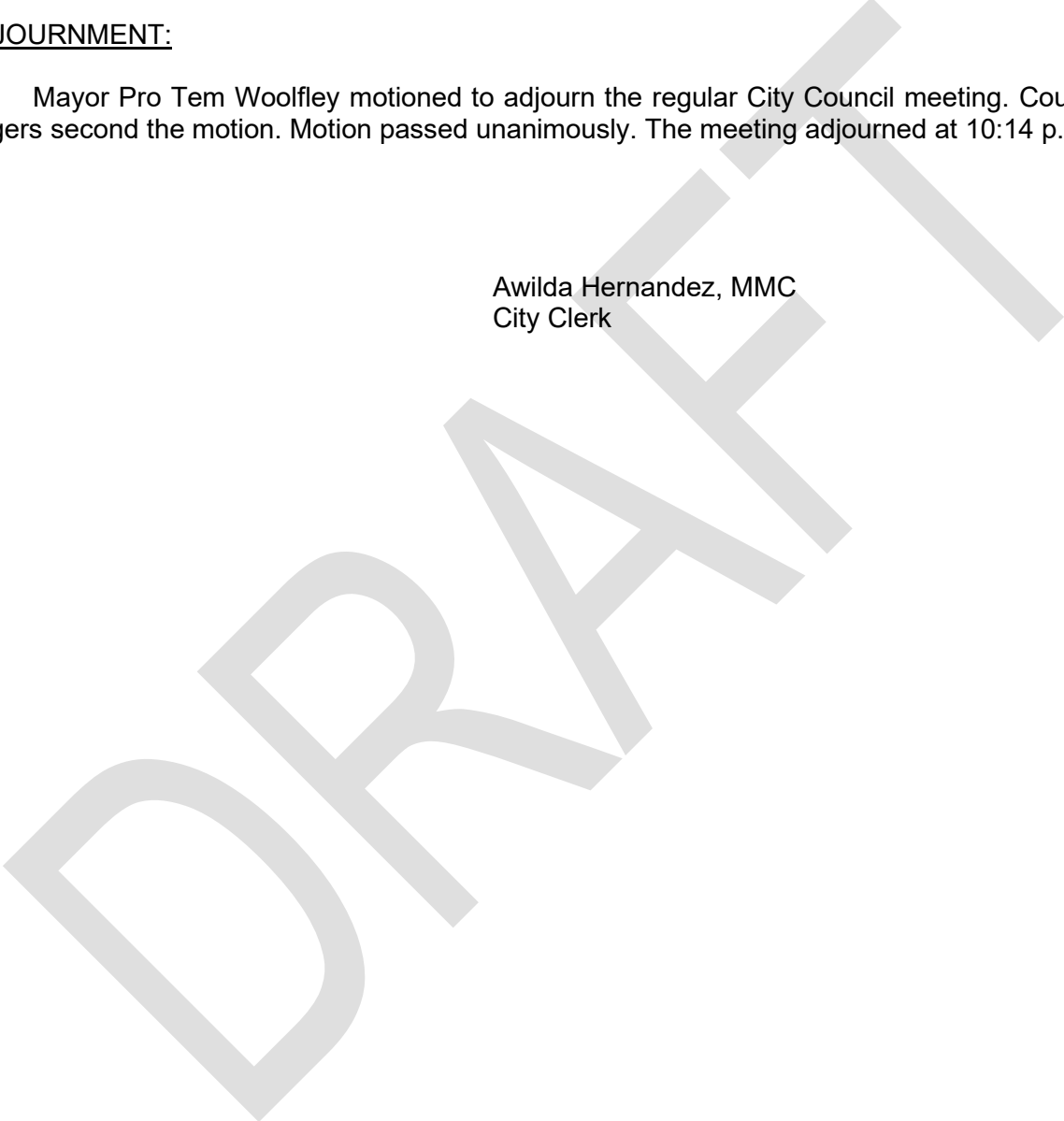
Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Eidsness for his presentation.

C. FY25 Mid-Year Budget Report - City Manager Lott summarized the report. General Fund revenues and expenditures appear to be on target with adopted budget. The City’s major revenue source Real and Personal Property Taxes increased by \$3,638,304 compared to last year. The General Fund expenditures increased by \$4.6M in the first half of the fiscal year and is most attributable to the transfer to Capital Projects Fund totaling \$2.8M with most of the remaining increase allocated to Public Works. The city’s economic outlook remains stable, however with the inflationary impact on goods and services lingering from the pandemic, and without a planned tax increase, it’s difficult to produce a balanced budget without using large amounts of the city’s reserve funds.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Rogers second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk



**From:** [nevalon](#)  
**To:** [Valerie Yancey](#); [Awilda Hernandez](#)  
**Cc:** [Daniel Mears](#); [Darius Stanton](#); [Darius Stanton](#); [ExNews Anchor](#); [Stephanie Gaines-Bryant](#); [Jackie Mims](#); [evanskaala@gmail.com](#); [Una Cooper](#)  
**Subject:** {EXTERNAL}: [EXTERNAL] Re: BCMC PLEASE SUBMIT February 18 (City Council Meeting)  
**Date:** Monday, February 17, 2025 12:59:59 PM

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Good afternoon to everyone this is Dr. NEVALON Mitchell. As a Retired US Army 100% Disabled Vietnam Veteran I would appreciate having my name and disapproval and removal of me and my NMJ HOUR OF POWER SHOW. I have dedicated the majority of my life to this nation and our beloved Bowie community and would love to be reinstated as a producer and member of BCMC.

I am not able to attend the meeting on Tuesday February 18,2025, and ask that my statement and feelings become part of the record. There is no question about my lifetime commitment to excellence and to The People of Faith. And I see the work that I did while serving as a producer a valuable resource and contribution to that body of people and others.

Please know that my intentions and respect for the work of this esteemed group of people is admirable and very much appreciated.

I humbly and Respectfully Submit this statement and request.

Reverend Dr. NEVALON Mitchell, Jr.PhD.,  
Retired LTC U.S.Army  
Senior Chaplain Clinician

[Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS](#)

On Monday, February 17, 2025, 12:45 PM, Valerie Yancey <[vhyancey@gmail.com](mailto:vhyancey@gmail.com)> wrote:

Awilda, thanks very much for your assistance on this matter.

There are a number of people who are unable to attend the meeting tomorrow (February 18) at 8pm who will be sending emails directly on this matter. Could you confirm they are to send their emailed statement to [cityclerk@cityofbowie.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofbowie.org), and that the emails will be read aloud at the meeting?

In addition, there will be at least 2 reps from our group speaking tomorrow (addresses are noted below). I will be sending today under separate cover a document to be distributed to the Council as part of our presentation. Should we ensure copies of the doc are made for distribution during the meeting or will the emailed copy be provided to them? Could you also let us know how much time will be given for us to speak?

Lastly, I want to confirm our presentation tomorrow is not meant to take the place of our request to meet with the Council and Mayor. We would still appreciate the scheduling of the meeting.

**From:** [Darius Stanton](#)  
**To:** [CityClerk](#)  
**Subject:** {EXTERNAL}: [EXTERNAL] BCMC Operations  
**Date:** Monday, February 17, 2025 10:50:03 PM

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Dear Mayor Adams & City Council Members,

My name is Darius A. Stanton, and I have been a resident of the City of Bowie for 23 years. I am a past board member and the producer & host of "Good News Bowie with Darius A. Stanton" on the Bowie Community Media Corporation (BCMC). I served as the past Board Secretary and have dedicated significant time and energy to support the station, ensuring our residents have access to positive, productive content for children, adults, and businesses.

I am writing to respectfully request the City Council's consideration of the following measures to uphold ethical standards within the BCMC:

1. BCMC should operate under the existing bylaws that mandate producers to be Bowie City residents. While this does not preclude non-Bowie residents from participating as co-producers, hosts, or in other roles, the primary producer role should be reserved for Bowie residents.
2. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) should state that BCMC board members are not to be paid unless the board has vetted, voted, and fully disclosed any financial payments prior to disbursement.
3. Annual meetings with board elections should be maintained to allow board members to actively participate in the leadership of the organization.

Thank you for your leadership and support for BCMC. We trust that with your guidance, we can create an open and transparent relationship between the members of the BCMC board and the City of Bowie.

Peace & Love,

Darius A. Stanton  
410-703-1898

**From:** [Ray Williams](#)  
**To:** [CityClerk](#); [Executive Producer, Writers Haven Show](#)  
**Subject:** {EXTERNAL}: [EXTERNAL] BCMC Non Resident Board  
**Date:** Tuesday, February 18, 2025 12:13:52 PM

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Dear Council Members,

I am a two time former Board member of Bowie Community Media Corporation. Although I am no longer a member, I am still concerned about the fate of the organization.

I was shocked to learn of the current state of BCMC. To have non-Bowie residents run the organization and then eliminate Board Elections can be considered as nothing less than a hostile takeover.

As a former Board member I understand what The City of Bowie expects. I am very concerned knowing the city provides the building,studio, equipment and the bulk of the money that finances the station. I am asking you to consider making your intentions known to current leadership as opposed to abruptly cutting funding. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely

L Ray Williams Jr

**PROCLAMATION**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**RECOGNIZING APRIL 26, 2025, AS ARBOR DAY IN BOWIE**

**WHEREAS**, in 1872, J. Sterling Morton proposed to the Nebraska Board of Agriculture that a special day be set aside for the planting of trees; and

**WHEREAS**, this holiday, called Arbor Day, was first observed with the planting of more than a million trees in Nebraska; and

**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is now observed throughout the nation and the world; and

**WHEREAS**, trees can reduce the erosion of our precious topsoil by wind and water, cut heating and cooling costs, moderate the temperature, clean the air, produce oxygen and provide habitat for wildlife; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our City increase property values, enhance the economic vitality of our business areas, and beautify our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie has been designated as a Tree City USA and a PLANT (People Loving and Nurturing Trees) Community for the past thirty-three years in recognition of their effort in enhancing urban forests.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED** that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland does hereby declare April 26, 2025, as Arbor Day in the City of Bowie and urges all citizens to celebrate Arbor Day and to support efforts to protect our trees and woodland.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a Regular Meeting on April 21, 2025.

Attest:

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Timothy J. Adams, Mayor

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Awilda Hernandez, City Clerk



## Memorandum

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Alfred Lott, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Contract Award for HVAC Replacement at DPW Streets and Utilities Building Project  
Resolution R-17-25

**DATE:** 04/17/2025

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On March 13, 2025, the Department of Community Services issued an Invitation for Bids for the HVAC Replacement at DPW Streets and Utilities Building project.

On March 31, 2025, seven (7) bids were received and opened. The results were as follows:

<b>Firm</b>	<b>Total</b>
A&E Heating & Air Conditioning	\$146,250
Denver-Elek	\$134,000
Fresh Air Concepts	\$100,159
Holmes Mechanical Contractors	\$136,900
Kelly HVAC	\$85,407
Patapsco Mechanical	\$133,000
Recon Group	\$52,720

The HVAC system at the DPW Streets and Utilities building has failed and the need for replacement is immediate.

The FY2025 Budget Appropriation remaining for this project is \$27,000.00. Additional funding in the amount of \$58,407.00 will be paid from the City Manager's contingency fund.

The bids were reviewed and evaluated by City Staff. The lowest bid submitted by Recon Group was determined to be nonresponsive. The lowest, most responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Kelly HVAC, Inc. of Upper Marlboro, Maryland in the amount of \$85,407.00.

I concur with the recommendation of the Department of Community Services and request your approval of Resolution R-17-25.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. 20250421 - Resolution R-17-25

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**AWARDING A CONTRACT FOR HVAC REPLACEMENT AT DPW**  
**STREETS AND UTILITIES BUILDING**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bowie owns the DPW Streets and Utilities building located at 16500 Annapolis Road in Bowie, Maryland; and

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to replace the HVAC system in that building; and

**WHEREAS**, an Invitation for Bids for HVAC Replacement at DPW Streets and Utilities Building project was issued and had a closing date of March 31, 2025 at 11:00 a.m., at which time seven bids were received; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has reviewed the bids received and determined the bid submitted by Kelly HVAC, Inc. located in Upper Marlboro, Maryland to be the lowest responsive and responsible bid.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, that the City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an Agreement with Kelly HVAC, Inc. in the amount of \$85,407.00 for the HVAC replacement at the DPW Streets and Utilities building.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a regular meeting on April 21, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

**THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**

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Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk

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Timothy J. Adams  
Mayor



## Memorandum

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Alfred Lott, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Waive Bidding for Purchase of Gas Service Installation for the New Single Sheet Ice Arena to be Located at 7800 Laurel-Bowie Road  
Resolution R-19-25

**DATE:** 04/17/2025

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The City intends to construct a new single sheet Ice Arena on the City owned property located at 7800 Laurel-Bowie Road. Natural gas must be supplied to the site as part of the construction process of this new facility. Washington Gas is the sole supplier in this area; therefore it is not feasible to allow other suppliers to provide such services.

Funding is available in the FY25 budget for the installation and connection of gas mains, services, and meter(s) for this project. The proposed cost for Washington Gas to perform the installation and connection is \$110,333.00.

The Department of Community Services recommends waiving bidding requirements for good cause shown, as allowed by Section 61(b) of the City Charter, and entering into an Agreement with Washington Gas for the installation and connection of natural gas services for the new single sheet Ice Arena.

I concur with the above recommendation and request your approval of Resolution R-19-25.

**ATTACHMENTS:** 1. 20250421 - Resolution R-19-25

**RESOLUTION**  
**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**  
**BY TWO-THIRDS VOTE WAIVING OF BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 61 OF**  
**THE CITY CHARTER TO AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF INSTALLATION AND**  
**CONNECTION SERVICES FROM WASHINGTON GAS FOR THE NEW SINGLE SHEET**  
**ICE ARENA**

**WHEREAS**, the City intends to construct a new single sheet Ice Arena.; and

**WHEREAS**, the City owns property located at 7800 Laurel-Bowie Road where the Ice Arena is to be constructed; and

**WHEREAS**, the FY25 budget allows for the purchase of the installation and connection services for natural gas for the new single sheet Ice Arena; and

**WHEREAS**, the Community Services Department has received a proposal from Washington Gas to provide this service; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington Gas is the sole supplier in this area for said services; and

**WHEREAS**, it is not feasible to allow other suppliers to provide such services.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, upon a two-thirds vote, that the bidding requirements of Section 61 of the City Charter are hereby waived; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Council authorizes the City Manager to enter into an agreement with Washington Gas and pay the amount of \$110,333.00.

**INTRODUCED AND PASSED** by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, at a regular meeting on April 21, 2025.

**ATTEST:**

**THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND**

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Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk

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Timothy J. Adams  
Mayor



## Memorandum

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Alfred Lott, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** Prince George's County Schools Security Director to Update Council

**DATE:** 04/17/2025

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Gary E. Cunningham, Director of Safety and Security Services for Prince George's County Public Schools, will update Council on the status of security in County schools.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None



## Memorandum

**TO:** City Council

**FROM:** Alfred Lott, City Manager

**SUBJECT:** City Council Municipal Grants

**DATE:** 04/17/2025

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Councilmember Estève requested a discussion on creating a process for awarding Municipal Grants to applicants.

**ATTACHMENTS:** None