



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, March 17, 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, Ndebumadu, Rogers, Truesdale and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

PRESENTATIONS:

Ms. Elissa Dunston with the City's Diversity Committee, spoke on Women's History Month highlighting local women who had a notable impact on Bowie and the State of Maryland.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Esteve motioned to appoint Mr. Randall Jordan to the Community Arts Committee as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to appoint Ms. Kashara Brown to the Board of Personnel Appeals as an Alternate Member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Adams swore in Ms. Brown to the Board of Personnel Appeals.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Brady mentioned the 20th Anniversary of the Bowie Center of Performing Arts being celebrated on April 5th. Bowie CLAW will host a cat adoption event at City Hall on March 29 and a Rabies Vaccine Clinic on March 22.

Councilmembers Truesdale commented that the damaged railing on Rt. 197 in front of the Omni Building is being addressed with SHA.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott commented that some of the lighting repairs needed in the Levitt neighborhoods have been delayed a bit because of issues with Miss Utility not coming out and marking where the cable lines are located for the electricity.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of January 21, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Adoption of Proclamation P-5-25 Proclaiming March 2025 as Women's History Month in Bowie; C) Adoption of Resolution R-15-25 Accepting Bid Proposal for Bulk Trash Pick Up from Condominiums from Turbo Haul, Inc., in the Amount of \$185,000. Councilmember Truesdale second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting and move to 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 second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.


Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie on May 5, 2025.

**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: 3-17-25 Time: 8:26; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Woolfley Seconded by Brady;
Members in favor: All Aye; Opposed: _____;
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	Acquisition of Property	
§3-305(b) ☒ 7	consult with counsel	
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4. This statement is made by Jonathan J. Adams 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: 8:29

Place: City Hall

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

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Adams Brady Rogers Estey Woolley Truesdale Klebunadu

Persons attending closed session: Adams Brady Rogers Estey Woolley Truesdale Klebunadu Levan Lott Meers Preston King

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

Topics actually discussed: Property acquisition; City's role with federal laws

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____