



City of Bowie

Memorandum

Thursday, May 29, 2025

Alfred D. Lott, ICMA-CM, CPM, City Manager

STATUS REPORT

1. New Pick-Up Truck – Utilities Division

The FY26 budget allocates for the purchase of a new pick-up truck to be used by the utilities division. The Public Works Department has identified a Baltimore County Contract, #MA-4505, and determined that Criswell Automotive of Gaithersburg, Maryland, was awarded a contract for pick-up trucks meeting the needs of the utilities division. Seeking new bids would not be expected to yield better results.

The cost of the truck is \$76,115, which is within the budgeted amount of \$83,800.

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven-day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Criswell Automotive in the amount of \$76,115.

2. Environmental Action Plan Public Engagement Session

On Wednesday, May 28, the Sustainability Division hosted the first public engagement session for the upcoming Environmental Action Plan (EAP). There were 20 residents in attendance, along with 3 staff members and consultants. Residents began with an icebreaker activity, reflecting on the positives they like about Bowie and what environmental issues concern them most. They also viewed a presentation by the consultants on the EAP process, including data collection, engagement, and Plan formulation, and then helped choose strategies that would be incorporated into the Plan. They did this by placing smiley-face stickers on the strategies they want the City to prioritize or that they prefer, with the strategies falling into 5 main categories: stormwater, green spaces, transportation and mobility, energy efficiency, and waste management.

There are also now 154 responses to the survey that goes along with this effort. The consultants will begin meeting with the environmental committees and a follow-up engagement session will likely occur in August to discern action items and goal statements before a draft of the plan is released.

Any questions regarding the EAP can be directed to Ashleigh Diaz.