



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, May 19, 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; Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley; Councilmembers Brady, Estève, Ndebumadu, Rogers, and Truesdale; City Manager Lott; Assistant City Manager Mears; City Attorney Ruff; Assistant City Clerk Hartig and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Valerie Yancey, Gideon Street – Shared thoughts on the city's proposal to take over management of the Bowie Community Media Corporation.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Rogers motioned to adopt Proclamation P-15-25 Congratulating the Bowie Bulldogs on Winning the 2025 PGCBGC 12U Girls Basketball Playoff Tournament. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Council presented the proclamation to members of the team in attendance.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to appoint Mr. Joseph Puccio to the Board of Elections as a Regular Member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

Mayor Adams swore in Mr. Puccio to the committee.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Adams invited the community to attend the city's annual Memorial Day Parade taking place on May 24, 2025. Mayor Adams shared that the city is looking into purchasing the Regal Theater Property.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

No report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of April 7, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of April 14, 2025 Special Council Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of April 21, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; D) Adoption of Proclamation P-12-25 Celebrating Memorial Day 2025, by Honoring Those Whose Lives Were Given in Service to Their Country; E) Adoption of Proclamation P-13-25 Placing Helen Rose Williams in the City of Bowie Hall of Honor; F) Adoption of Proclamation P-14-25 Placing Fannie L. Basim in the City of Bowie Hall of Honor; G) Adoption of Resolution R-23-25 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow Negotiations with Independent Consultants & Engineers, Inc, and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement for Third Party Inspection Services for Construction of a New Single Sheet Ice Arena; H) Adoption of Resolution R-24-25 Awarding a Contract to Eastern Marine Services to Repair the Northridge Stormwater Dam and Pond in the Amount of \$146,000; I) Adoption of Resolution R-27-25 Accepting a Proposal for Electronic Door Access System with Zeus, LLC in the Amount of \$192,598.92. Councilmember Estève seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Amended Ordinance O-4-25 Approving and Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026, and Amended Resolution R-18-25 Adopting a Capital Improvements Program for the Fiscal Years 2026-2031.

City Manager Lott summarized budget adjustments during the worksession budget reviews.

Mayor Adams motioned for the City Council to suspend all further expenditures from Capital Improvement Program funds, effective immediately, until the Council has received and reviewed a comprehensive report on all current CIP projects and potential spending. Councilmember Truesdale seconded the motion. Motion failed 3-3-1 (Estève, Woolfley, Brady – Nay; Rogers – Abstain).

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Amended Ordinance O-4-25. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1 (Ndebumadu).

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Amended Resolution R-18-25. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1 (Ndebumadu).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislative Session Wrap-up – Christopher Dews, Patrick Hogan, and Delora Sanchez Ifekauche, representatives from Cornerstone, the City's lobbyist firm, briefed Council on 2025 Legislative Session

outcomes. The report included information on Bowie Racetrack funding, new taxes and fees within the State budget, protections for federal workers, Youth Services Bureau reporting requirements, and legislation that affects local governments.

Mayor Adams thanked Cornerstone for their work on behalf of the city.

Councilmember Rogers asked for information on the Transparency of Impact Fees bill sponsored by Senator Ron Watson. Ms. Sanchez Ifekauche shared that the bill passed. Councilmember Rogers asked if Cornerstone is able to lobby on behalf of the city with Prince George's County, and Ms. Sanchez Ifekauche replied that Cornerstone is not a registered lobbyist for the city at the county level, but they are able to advise the city on county matters.

B. Adoption of Resolution R-25-25 Adopting the FY2026 Annual Action Plan and Proposed Projects for the Community Development Block Grant Program - Grants Writer Kay Starr presented the Annual Action Plan for the Community Development Block Grant funding program that the city annually receives funding from through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Ms. Starr summarized the work that the Grants Office does, as well as spoke about the current, future, and past/on-going grant programs the city is involved with.

Public Hearing:

Since no one signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Rogers asked if the American Job Center Community Network location opening at the Kenhill Center will be opened to impacted federal employees who have recently lost their jobs. Ms. Starr responded that the program is focused on the youth, but it can be opened to other populations.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Resolution R-25-25. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Adams thanked Ms. Starr for her presentation.

C. Adoption of Resolution R-26-25 Adopting the 2026-2030 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice – Grants Writer Kay Starr and Grants Director Jesse Buggs presented the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice report required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for communities that receive Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

Public Hearing:

Since no one signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Brady asked about what the next six to nine months will look like for CDBG and HUD funding. Ms. Starr commented that the outlook is unclear due to daily changes taking place at the federal level. Mr. Buggs added that the city has developed relationships with other entities, which will minimize the impact of decreased funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Resolution R-26-25. Councilmember Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

Mayor Adams thanked the Grants Office for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Rogers seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

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

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland on July 7, 2025.