City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, July 7, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 (virtual), Rogers and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Elson, City Clerk Hernandez and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley requested to amend the agenda to add under New Business a discussion on NIKE basketball camp.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Paul Nadler, Bowie CLAW – Gave kudos to staff that helped with the plants at community garden.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Mayor Adams presented a proclamation to City Park Rangers Proclaiming July 31, 2025 as World Ranger Day in the City of Bowie.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments and Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Brady motioned to appoint Mr. John Stewart to the Public Safety Committee as a regular member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
2. Councilmember Brady motioned to appoint Mr. Stephen Orenstein to the Public Safety Committee as a regular member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

Mayor Adams swore in the members to the committee.

B. Reappointments:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley moved the reappointment of Linda Fuller, John Scoulios and Valerie H. Yancey to the Administrative Review Board for a 2-year term. Councilmember Rogers second the motion and it carried 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
2. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Shalina Hayes and Kathleen Parker to the Arts Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley second the motion and it carried 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
3. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley moved the reappointment of Gail L. Elkins, Richard Sexton and Jacqueline M. Rhone to the Board of Personnel Appeals for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady second the motion and it carried 5-0. (Ndebumadu did not vote).
4. Councilmember Esteve moved the reappointment of Sharon Hunt to the Community Outreach Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley second the motion and it carried 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
5. Councilmember Rogers moved the reappointment of Brittany Bunn to the Diversity Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady second the motion and it carried 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
6. Councilmember Brady moved the reappointment of Kevin Kennedy, Jr. and Andrew Roud to the Economic Development Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Rogers second the motion and it carried 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
7. Councilmember Ndebumadu moved the reappointment of Kelechi Fluitt, Nicole Thornton and Julie Gordon to the Education Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady second the motion and it carried 6-0.
8. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley moved the reappointment of Elmer M. Dengler to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady second the motion and it carried 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
9. Councilmember Rogers moved the reappointment of Ismael Canales, Alan R. Kolski, Daniel E. Thomas, John P. Fagan, Jr. and Karl Stehmer to the Ethics Commission for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley second the motion and it carried 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
10. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley moved the reappointment of Carl Robinson to the Financial Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady second the motion and it carried 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
11. Councilmember Rogers moved the reappointment of Robert Kellaway and Michael Lagua to the Green Team Executive Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady second the motion and it carried 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).
12. Councilmember Ndebumadu moved the reappointment of John Eidsness to the Information Technology Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Rogers second the motion and it carried 6-0.
13. Councilmember Brady moved the reappointment of Langston Clay and Jeffrey G. Cooper to the Public Safety Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Rogers second the motion and it carried 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley thanked everyone that participated in the community garden.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott congratulated the City Park Ranger's on World Ranger Day and thanked them for their great work.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of May 19, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of June 2, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; C) Adoption of Resolution R-40-25 Accepting Bid for Recapitalization of Cast Iron Water Mains Using Class IV Structural Cured-in-Place (CIPP) Lining in Various Areas of the City; D) Adoption of Resolution R-47-25 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow the Purchase of Security Camera Equipment (CCTV) from Skyline Technology Solutions, LLC, and Authorizing the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order in the Amount of $79,700.32; E) Introduction of Ordinance O-7-25 Amending the Code of the City of Bowie, Chapter 5 "Building and Property Maintenance", Article II "Housing and Property Maintenance Code," §5-6 "Definitions" to Add a Definition of Invasive Bamboo, and §5-7 "Standards," to Prohibit Planting of Invasive Bamboo and to Require Those Who Currently Maintain Bamboo on Their Property to Contain It to Their Property; F) Introduction of Charter Amendment R-1-25 Amending Sec. 20, "Fixing Penalties for Violations of Ordinances", of the City Charter to Increase From $1,000 to $5,000 the Maximum Fine That Can be Assessed for a Violation of the City Code. Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Street Striping Update - Director of Public Works, Dr. Ahn and Police Chief Preston updated Council on the streets that have been striped in the City for FY25 and statistics on radar speed signs and speed cameras. Over 30,000 LF of striping were done in FY25 as well as over 3,000 LF of short lines (arrows, crosswalks, stop bars). Radar speed signs rotated across 9 streets, and 3 additional signs were ordered. Speed cameras were in 34 different locations, and a total of 50,312 violations were mailed in FY25. There were also 17 traffic studies conducted. Staff's future plans include a new Neighborhood Traffic Management Policy, which will be presented to Council in the fall for their adoption, traffic studies on all city streets, quarterly review of locations for speed cameras and radar speed signs.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley asked if some of the cameras are in permanent locations. Chief Preston responded that those are mostly in the school zone areas.

Councilmember Brady stated that a request should be placed with the County for a light to be placed at the intersection of Nottinghill Drive and Mt. Oak Road.

Councilmember Ndebumadu asked if there are new ways of doing traffic studies that reduce the burden on staff. Dr. Ahn responded that video or image processing could be used but are heavily affected by weather conditions, light radars are costly and not mobile. Traditional stripe method is most cost effective for the City.

Mayor Adams thanked staff for their presentation.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Old Town Bowie Revitalization – Mr. Mark Lawrence of Inncuvate Community Development Partners updated Council on their activity in Old Town Bowie. Their scope of work this year will be in the revitalization plan implementation as Old Town Bowie Maker District Hub, rebranding – Crafted in Bowie! and establishing an Old Town Bowie Community Land Trust for commercial properties and/or launching a Food & Beverage Micro-Festival series.

Councilmember Esteve asked if any towns in Maryland are using this focus. Mr. Lawrence responded that not in Maryland, but he is working with one in St. Louis that has been very successful.

Councilmember Ndebumadu likes the Land Trust concept, would like to see that implemented.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Lawrence for the briefing.

B. Discussion on funding support for NIKE Basketball camp – Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley stated that a request had come in for the Council to sponsor possibly six youth from the City to attend the NIKE basketball camp that is being held at the Bowie gymnasium starting the week of July 14th. The request came from the South Bowie Boys and Girls Club.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to table this item to the July 14th meeting for further discussion and to be able to obtain more information from the requestor. Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

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)(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". Councilmember Estève second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote). The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland on September 2, 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: 7-7-25; Time: 7:55; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Woolfley Seconded by Esteve;
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) [i]	Personnel	Discuss hiring replacement for City Manager
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4. **This statement is made by** Timothy Jr. Adams, **Presiding Officer.**

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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: _____

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): (i) Personnel

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Adams Brady Rogers Estave Woolfle Ntebumadu

Persons attending closed session: Adams Brady Rogers Estave Woolley Ntebumadu Elson Haley

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

Topics actually discussed: _____

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____