

City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, September 15, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:03 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 (arrived 8:07p.m.), 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:

1. Christopher Dwyer, BCPA – Spoke requesting Council consider an increase of 25% to the annual funding the City provides to BCPA.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Diversity Committee Hispanic Heritage Month Presentation – Committee member Kevin Lopez Cruz recognized September 15 through October 15 observance and highlighted national and local figures and contributions.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments and Swearing-in:

1. Councilmember Brady motioned to appoint Robert Day to the Economic Development Committee as a regular member for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote). Mayor Adams swore in Mr. Day to the Economic Development Committee.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Adams requested a moment of silence in remembrance of 9/11.

Councilmember Truesdale thanked staff for their support of the International Festival, which had a great turnout.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of August 4, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of September 2, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; C) Adoption of Resolution R-76-25 Awarding a Contract for Replacement of HVAC RTU "N" at Kenhill Center to AC's Mechanical Services, Inc. in the Amount of \$49,887; D) Adoption of Resolution R-77-25 Awarding a Contract to Com-Bro Contracting, Inc. to Replace Two Pumps and Associated Check Valves at Sewer Pump Station #6, Located at 12535 Windover Turn, In the Amount of \$144,000; E) Adoption of Resolution R-78-25 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to BayLand Consultants & Designers, Inc. for Task Order/RFP#3-23 in the Amount of \$85,152.84 in Accordance With the Master Contract Approved on October 31, 2018; F) Introduction of Ordinance O-10-25 Amending Chapter 17, "Park Rules and Regulations," Section 17-5, "Enforcement; Violations and Penalties," To Provide That it is a Misdemeanor to Camp in City Parks or to Remain in City Parks After Closing in Violation of Section 17-2, "Park Rules"; and Amending Chapter 22, "Streets and Sidewalks", Article I, "In General," Section 22-11, "Buildings or Obstructions in Streets, Sidewalks, or Alleys Unlawful," To Clarify That the Erection of Tents and Other Shelters in the Public Right of Way is Prohibited, and Amending Section 22-19A, "Enforcement; Violations and Penalties," to Declare That the Erection and Maintenance of Tents or Other Shelters on Public Property to be a Misdemeanor and to Prescribe a Penalty for Said Offense; G) Introduction of Ordinance O-11-25 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025, and Ending June 30, 2026, As Adopted by Ordinance O-4-25, To Appropriate Funds for the Following Projects: \$26,000 for Opioid Remediation Strategies and \$45,900 to Replace a Public Safety Vehicle. Councilmember Truesdale second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Ordinance O-9-25 An Ordinance of the Council (the "Council") of the City of Bowie, Maryland to Authorize and Empower the City of Bowie (the "City") to Sell and Issue From Time to Time, Upon Its Full Faith and Credit, One or More Series of (1)(A) General Obligation Bonds and (B) General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes, Each in an Original Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed Thirty-Three Million Dollars (\$33,000,000), and (2) General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Subject to the Limitations Provided for Herein, the Proceeds of the Sale Thereof to Be Used and Applied for the Public Purpose of Financing, Reimbursing or Refinancing Costs of the Public Purpose Projects and Purposes Identified Herein as Bowie Ice Arena, Water Distribution System Recapitalization, Water Plant, Sewer Main Rehabilitation, Wastewater Treatment Plant, and Costs of Issuance; Specifying the Maximum Original Aggregate Principal Amount of the Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes Provided for Herein to Be Allocated to Each Such Project, Subject to Reallocation by the Council in Accordance With Applicable Budgetary Procedures or Law; Providing for Further Reallocation of Proceeds of the Bonds or Bond Anticipation Notes as Described Herein; Providing That the Council by Resolution Shall Determine, Approve or Provide for Various Matters Relating to the Authorization, Sale, Security, Issuance, Delivery, Payment and Prepayment or Redemption of and for Each Series of the Bonds, the Bond Anticipation Notes and the Refunding Bonds (Each a "Series of the Obligations" or the "Obligations"); Providing for

the Imposition of Ad Valorem Taxes Sufficient for, and Pledging the Full Faith and Credit and Unlimited Taxing Power of the City to, the Payment of Debt Service on Each Series of the Obligations; Providing That Debt Service on Each Series of the Obligations Also May be Paid From Any Other Sources of Revenue Lawfully Available to the City for Such Purpose; Providing That Debt Service on Each Series of the Obligations Also May be Paid From Any Other Sources of Revenue Lawfully Available to the City for Such Purpose; Providing That Certain Actions May be Taken or Provided for by Resolution in Connection With the Reissuance or Modification of Any of the Obligations; Providing That Any of the Obligations May Be Consolidated With Other Obligations of the City and Issued as a Single Series of Bonds, Bond Anticipation Notes and/or Refunding Bonds; Authorizing, Directing and Empowering Officials and Employees of the City to Take Certain Actions in Connection With the Obligations; Authorizing Modifications of the Obligations to be Made by Resolution Unless Another Action is Required; Providing That This Title Shall Be Deemed a Fair Summary of This Ordinance for All Purposes and Allowing Fair Summaries to Be in Another Form as Provided Herein; Providing That the Provisions of this Ordinance Shall Be Liberally Construed; and Otherwise Generally Relating to the Sale, Issuance and Delivery and Payment of and for the Obligations – Finance Director Matthews summarized the ordinance and introduced Bond Counsel, Lindsay Raider, with Funk & Bolton; and Financial Advisor Jennifer Derickson with Davenport & Co. The ordinance authorizes issuance of up to \$33 million in one or more series of GO bonds, with authority for bond anticipation notes (BANs) and refunding bonds. The projects funded will be the new ice arena; water distribution recapitalization; water plant; sewer main rehab; and wastewater treatment plant upgrades.

Public Hearing:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Ordinance O-9-25. Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bowie's Business Incubator - Executive Director, Ms. June Evans provided an update on their activities. Their primary focus is on their existing businesses and helping them identify key points for growth strategies. For FY25 they have 169 businesses graduate from accelerators, 895 businesses that directly served the City of Bowie and Prince Georges County, participant-reported aggregate revenues: approximately \$95M.

Mayor Adams thanked Ms. Evans for her presentation.

B. Briefing on the 2023 Bowie Racetrack Taskforce Report – Planning Director, Richard Hall and Mr. Robert Day, Chair of the Task Force went over the schedule of events. The Task Force began work on August of 2022, held several public outreach events, drafted concept plans, presented to Council in 2023. Next steps are due diligence including sediment studies, are underway; deed transfer to City anticipated; multi-partner funding and phased implementation will be required; continued coordination with Bowie State University and M-NCPPC.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley asked if there would be a potential connection with Saddlebrook East Park. Mr. Hall responded that the park is not in the City but discussion could be had with M-NCPPC.

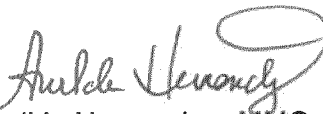
Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Hall and Mr. Day for their presentation.

C. Councilmember Truesdale asked City Manager Lott to direct staff to engage with developer representatives regarding grocery store recruitment for the Mill Branch area and identify ways the City can support outreach (e.g., letters of support), given prior proximity pushback from other grocers.

City Manager Lott will work with staff and representatives from Mill Branch.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVETO 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)(7): "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice". Councilmember Truesdale second the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland on October 20, 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: 9-15-25; Time: 9:15; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Wesley Seconded by Ester;
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) ☒ 7	Consult with Counsel	Real Estate Litigation
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4. This statement is made by Sammy Jr. 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: 9:21

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): (7) Consult with Counsel

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Adams, Brady, Estevé, Woolfley, Truesdale, Mabe, Mervin

Persons attending closed session: Adams, Brady, Estevé, Woolfley, Truesdale, Mabe, Mervin, Brennan, Lee, Levan, Lott, Mears

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

Topics actually discussed: Real Estate Litigation

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____