



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, November 3, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 (virtual), Councilmembers Brady, Estève (arrived 8:03), Ndebumadu (virtual), Rogers and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to amend the agenda to include the Adoption of Proclamation P-15-25 Observing Veteran's Day, under Consent Agenda. Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

Councilmember Brady motioned to amend the agenda to include a brief discussion on Economic Development under New Business. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Prince Georges County Council Member Ingrid Watson and Maryland Senator Ron Watson presented proclamations to City Manager Lott on his upcoming retirement from the City.
- B. The City received the Sustainable Maryland Certified Community Silver Level Award and the MML Municipal Achievement Award in Sustainability highlighting the City's continued leadership and accomplishments in sustainability.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

None.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Estève thanked City Manager Lott for his service to the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley also thanked City Manager Lott on his service.

Councilmember Brady thanked City Manager Lott for his service and staff for the Beechtree stakeholders' meeting that was held last week; it was very informative to the residents about the project.

Councilmember Rogers mentioned the 5k Veterans Walk that will take place next Saturday behind the Town Center and the Veterans Ceremony on November 11th at Veterans Park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

None.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Estève motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of October 6, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Adoption of Resolution R-100-25 Accepting a Bid Proposal for the FY26 Bituminous Trail Repair/Replacement Along Northview Drive Project From E&R Services, Inc. in the amount of \$73,300; C) Adoption of Resolution R-102-25 Adopting the City of Bowie Emergency Operations Plan; D) Adoption of Proclamation P-15-25 Observing Veterans Day on November 11, 2025. Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Discussion on Economic Development – Councilmember Brady proposed to have staff draft a citywide Economic Development Policy framework using the 2022 Economic Development Strategy & Action Plan as a starting point; return with objectives and implementation steps. Assess creation of an Economic Development Corporation providing pros/cons, potential partners/stakeholders, examples from peer municipalities, and recommended structure. Develop a path to a new/revised Bowie Town Center Master Plan aligned with the City's vision; identify any impediments such as county zoning and/or state laws. With a timeline target of 3–6 months, or sooner where feasible.

Council concurred with the proposal made by Councilmember Brady.

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 to 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"; §3-305(b)(7): "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice", and §3-305(b)(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". Councilmember Brady second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote). The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

November 3, 2025



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland on November 17, 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: 11-3-25 Time: 8:34; 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	Real Property	
§3-305(b) ☒ 7	Consult with Counsel	
§3-305(b) ☒ 14	Contract	
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4. This statement is made by Samuel 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: 8:50

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): (3) Real Property (7) Consult with Counsel (14) Contract

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Adams Brady Rogers Estevé Woolfley Ndebumadu

Persons attending closed session: Brady Rogers Estevé Adams Woolfley Ndebumadu Brian Lett Mear's Ann Hall

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (3) (7) (14)

Topics actually discussed: Environmental conditions for property acquisition

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____