



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, November 17, 2025, in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:04 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, Rogers, 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. QC Jones, GBCC - Spoke regarding the Chamber's long-standing partnership with the City, business support programs, education and advocacy efforts, and ongoing collaboration with community partners.

PRESENTATIONS:

None.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

- A. Appointments and Swearing-in:
 1. Councilmember Rogers motioned to appoint George Cowan to the Green Team Executive Committee as a regular member for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. Mayor Adams swore in Mr. Cowan to the Green Team Executive Committee.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Adams thanked Council and the community for attending the City's Veterans Day Program and congratulated staff on a successful ribbon cutting event.

Councilmember Truesdale acknowledged District 3 residents and honored all veterans; congratulated his son on completing basic training.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported on ongoing operational excellence across departments, including police, code enforcement, and solid waste. He noted active leaf collection and commended Public Works and Parks & Grounds staff for their efforts.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of October 20, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of November 3, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; C) Adoption of Proclamation P-19-25 Proclaiming the Month of November as Municipal Government Works Month in the City of Bowie; D) Adoption of Resolution R-103-25 Accepting Driveway Apron Improvements Constructed Under Permit DW-0006-25 at 12106 Forge Lane and the Release of Construction Securities; E) Adoption of Resolution R-104-25 Accepting Driveway Apron Improvements Constructed Under Permit DW-0004-25 at 13525 Gresham Court and the Release of Construction Securities; F) Adoption of Resolution R-105-25 Accepting the Construction of Stormwater Management Constructed Under Permit SWM-0003-24 for Dash-In Bowie at 4100 NW Robert Crain Highway and the Release of Construction Securities; G) Adoption of Resolution R-107-25 Awarding a Contract to J. Fletcher Creamer & Son, Inc. to Replace Malfunctioning Valves, Install a New Valve and Fire Hydrant on Moylan Drive at the Intersection of Route 450 (Annapolis Road) in the Amount of \$174,988.00; H) Introduction of Ordinance O-13-25 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2025 and Ending June 30, 2026, As Embodied in Ordinance O-4-25 and Amended by Ordinance O-11-25, to Appropriate Funds for the Following Projects: \$500,000 for Lighting Repairs, \$200,000 for the Lateral Sewer Lining Project at Somerset, \$16,500 for Salaries and Fringe Benefits, \$10,000 for a Housing Grant, \$15,200 for a Folder/Sealer Machine and \$16,800 for the Building Permit Issuance for the Bowie Golf Course Maintenance Building. Councilmember Rogers second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Resolution R-101-25 Approving the Creation of the Federal Employees Financial Assistance Program – Grants Director, Mr. Jesse Buggs, presented updated information following the end of the federal government shutdown. Most federal employees will receive retroactive pay; however, rent delinquencies remain significant, and federal contractors will not be reimbursed. Estimated remaining local need: \$400K–\$500K for rent, utilities, and childcare.

Council agreed the original emergency program is no longer necessary due to the shutdown's end but did stress the importance of reviewing City support services and maintaining readiness for future emergencies.

Council concurred to have staff revise the plan to create a general emergency assistance framework for future use and incorporate the discussion into FY27 budget planning.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Phase II – Sustainability Planner Lexie Woolums and Lorin Consultants presented updates regarding Maryland Climate Solutions Now Act compliance and Building Energy Performance Standards (BEPS) requirements. Loring Consultants also presented the energy audits results for City Hall and Kenhill Center, and recommended Energy

Conservation Measures including HVAC controls optimization, electrification of heating systems, lighting upgrades, and solar PV installations. Estimated implementation costs: \$2.5M for City Hall and \$1.8M for Kenhill Center.

Mayor Adams asked if there would be potential state exemptions or waivers for localities that might just have installed new equipment prior to the mandates of the act. Mr. Walker responded that there could possibly be some, but it is too early to determine.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley expressed concerns with high cost of implementation and long payback periods.

Councilmember Rogers stated that this could be an opportunity for advocacy efforts at state and county levels.

Mayor Adams thanked the representatives for their presentation.

B. Detailed Site Plan DET-2024-016, Freeway Airport – Transportation Planner, Ridwan Coker, summarized the staff report. The applicant presented a proposal for 297 single-family homes on 131.5 acres with 39% open space and amenities that include a dog park, walking trails, pergola/gathering lawn, sidewalks and two airport themed tot lots. The neighborhood will have two access points on Church Road. A traffic signal will be installed at the primary entrance and secondary entrance will be a right-in/right-out entrance.

Mr. Robert Antonetti with the Law Firm Shipley and Horne, representing the applicant thanked staff for their recommendations and has no issues with them.

Public Hearing:

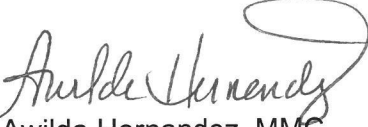
Since no one signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Brady stated that he has concerns with the right-in/right-out entrance not having some sort of median or barrier installed to prevent drivers from turning left.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Detailed Site Plan DET-2024-016 with the added consideration from Councilmember Brady to explore a median or comparable safety measure at the northern entrance point. Councilmember Estève second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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)(7): “To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice”. Councilmember Estève second the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.


Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland on December 1, 2025.