



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, December 1, 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, Councilmembers Estève, Ndebumadu, Rogers and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

None.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Takisha Brown, Kavanaugh Ln - Addressed delays in receiving a response to her request to reserve the Kenhill Community Center for a proposed "Neighbor to Neighbor" community donation event. She also expressed concerns about limited communication from her Council representative and the City's community engagement following a recent homicide in the Kenhill area.
2. Terry Rogers, GBCC President – Joined by Board Member Robert Day, presented a proclamation recognizing City Manager Alfred D. Lott for his years of service and contributions to the city.
3. Steven Carpenter, GBCC - Thanked the city for its continued partnership and invited the Mayor and Council to the Chamber's December 10 holiday networking event from 6:00–8:00 p.m. at Shantoo Restaurant (the former Pizza Hut at Pointer Ridge).

PRESENTATIONS:

Members of the Old Town Bowie Arts and Heritage Committee presented certificates of appreciation to the many volunteers that helped on the 2025 Old Town Bowie Celebrates Festival.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

None.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Adams requested a moment of silence in memory of the fallen service member and all individuals and families affected by violence during the year.

Councilmember Estève expressed appreciation to the Old Town Bowie Celebrates planning group and volunteers as well as City staff across several departments, including Public Safety, Parks and Grounds, Public Works, and others, for supporting the festival and helping to deliver a safe and enjoyable event each year.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley announced the upcoming Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony at the Senior Center on Saturday evening. He also reported that Councilmember Brady was unable to attend the meeting due to illness.

Councilmember Ndebumadu reported several District 4 constituent concerns and requested staff follow-up. Locations are Jerry's Seafood parking lot (large pothole); trailers parked in the Walmart parking lot; trash and debris at the CVS on Crain Highway and in the parking lot behind Kohl's.

She also followed up on her November 6 email regarding the economic development presentation, noting that Council previously approved an October directive (introduced by Councilmember Brady) tied to the 2022 Jacob France/Margrave economic development study. She stated her email sought to structure next steps by asking staff to consolidate the study's recommendations, estimate implementation costs, and identify funding options—particularly for a potential Economic Development Corporation. She emphasized that the state delegation requested an economic development strategy by January to support 2026 funding advocacy and expressed concern that the absence of the item on the current agenda may delay opportunities until 2027. She requested that the matter be scheduled for the January Council agenda and clarified she was not proposing a new directive but providing structure for the existing one.

Councilmember Rogers noted that tomorrow is Giving Tuesday, a national day of charitable giving. Encouraged residents to donate to the Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry not only during the holiday season, but year-round, and to "open their hearts" and provide ongoing support.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott noted that there are two parallel assignments underway regarding economic development. He stated that staff does not have sufficient internal capacity to complete the work alone and is seeking a consultant with assistance from Mr. King to help analyze all factors related to the possible establishment of an Economic Development Corporation and to consolidate the 2022 study's recommendations. He confirmed that staff will incorporate Councilmember Ndebumadu's requested structure into the consultant's scope as soon as possible.

City Manager Lott reflected on his nine years as City Manager and stated that what he is most proud of is the leadership team he has helped build. He recognized various department directors and senior staff, noting that they are strong, independent leaders capable of managing their departments and keeping Bowie moving forward.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of November 17, 2025 Council Meeting Minutes; B) Adoption of Resolution R-108-25 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow the City to Enter Into a Contract With Axon Enterprise, Inc., for the Purchase of Tasers for the Police Department; C) Adoption of Resolution R-109-25 Awarding a Contract for Replacement of Siding and

Roofing on the Cart Barn at the Bowie Golf Club to Warner Construction in the Amount of \$203,394.00; D) Adoption of Resolution R-110-25 Nullifying Resolution R-74-25 and Withdrawing its Award of a Contract to Applied Technology Services, Inc. for Three Message Boards With License Plate Readers; E) Adoption of Resolution R-111-25 Awarding a Contract for Renovation of the Stage and Stage Canopy at Allen Pond Park to Warner Construction in the Amount of \$1,110,462.00; F) Adoption of Resolution R-112-25 Accepting Statements of Qualifications and Awarding Contracts for On Call Asphalt Paving Maintenance Services; G) Adoption of Resolution R-113-25 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to EBA Engineering, Inc. for RFP/Task Order #2-09 in the Amount of \$76,764.45 in Accordance With the Master Contract Approved on October 31, 2018; H) Introduction of Charter Amendment Resolution CAR-3-25 Amending "Voter Registration, Filing of Candidacy, and Elections (Sections 21 Through 37) of the City Charter. Councilmember Estève second the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption 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 – City Manager Lott stated that the ordinance is an administrative action to align formal appropriations with spending patterns so far in the fiscal year. All items are consistent with the Council-approved budget and prior directives.

Public Hearing:

City Clerk Hernandez stated that no one had signed up to speak, and no written comments were received. Mayor Adams declared the Public Hearing to have been held.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adopt Ordinance O-13-25. Councilmember Rogers second the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) – Mr. Clark Mercer, Executive Director, provided an overview of COG's history, structure, and regional role. COG represents 24 local governments in the National Capital Region, including jurisdictions in Northern Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, serving approximately 6 million residents.

The presentation highlighted COG's regional roles in transportation, planning and economic development. Transportation planning is a major role through the Transportation Planning Board and the update of the Visualize 2050 long-range plan, along with safety and commuter programs such as Street Smart, Bike to Work Day, and Commuter Connections. COG has coordinated a regional discussion on long-term transit funding needs across Metro, VRE, MARC, and local bus systems. In planning and economic development, COG provides population and job forecasts, supported the ULI study of Bowie Town Center, and is pursuing federal Economic Development District designation, which will require a regional Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy.

Mr. Mercer noted that Bowie has roughly 5,400 federal workers (22% of its workforce) and emphasized that the region must remain competitive with other states through a unified economic development strategy.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Mercer and expressed appreciation for COG's leadership on transportation issues, especially the emphasis on local bus service and improved access for residents who do not live along rail lines.

B. Adoption of Resolution R-114-25 Adopting an Environmental Action Plan for the City – Planning Director, Rich Hall, summarized the staff report and introduced Mr. Cisco Tomino, from Blue Strike Environmental. Mr. Tormino presented the proposed 10-year Environmental Action Plan, which consolidates the City's prior climate and sustainability plans, builds on existing initiatives, and aligns with state climate requirements, including the 2045 net-zero goal. The plan was developed through review of local and regional plans, greenhouse gas data analysis, national best practices, and broad public engagement.

The Environmental Action Plan outlines a vision for a more sustainable and resilient community and is organized into five focus areas - energy, transportation, waste, stormwater/green infrastructure, and natural resources. It provides a tiered structure and emphasizes flexible implementation guided by annual action agendas and an annual "State of the Environment" report. Many actions will require future budget decisions or outside funding, and timelines are intentionally adaptable to shifts in technology, policy, and grant availability.

Councilwoman Rogers expressed concern about the divergence between aggressive state goals and changing federal policies on climate and energy; and the potential burden on municipalities when federal support is not available. Mr. Tormino responded that the plan's implementation structure is intentionally flexible to accommodate shifts in federal or state policy and funding.

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley asked about the broader outlook for electric power generation, given the growing demand from AI data centers and population growth. Mr. Tormino responded that they are moving toward an increasingly clean electricity mix, including more renewables and potentially expanding reliance on nuclear energy as a zero-carbon source.

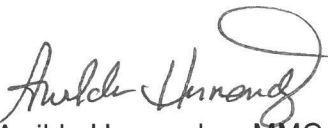
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Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to Adopt Resolution R-114-25. Councilmember Rogers second the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Woolfley motioned to adjourn the regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Estève second the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.


Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Approved by the City Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland on January 5, 2026.