



City of Bowie

Regular City Council Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2026
Council Chambers - 8 p.m.

AGENDA

- I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
- III. QUORUM**
- IV. AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS**
- V. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION**
- VI. PRESENTATIONS**
 - A. Adoption and Presentation of Proclamation P-1-26 Proclaiming April 12 -18 of 2026 as Animal Control Appreciation Week
 - B. Adoption and Presentation of Proclamation P-2-26 Proclaiming March 29, 2026 as Education and Sharing Day in the City of Bowie
- VII. CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**
- VIII. COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- IX. CITY MANAGER'S REPORT**
- X. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Adoption of Resolution R-34-26 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie and Awarding a Contract to Motive Technologies, Inc. in the Amount of \$14,256.00 for the Purchase of Fleet Management Technologies with Related Software Solutions, By Piggybacking a Sourcewell Contract
 - B. Adoption of Resolution R-35-26 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to KCI Technologies, Inc. for Task Order/RFP#11-04 in the Amount of \$75,099.48 in Accordance with the Master Contract Approved on January 7, 2019
 - C. Adoption of Resolution R-37-26 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to KCI Technologies, Inc. for Task Order/RFP#3-24 in the Amount of \$156,892.63 in Accordance with the Master Contract Approved on October 31, 2018
 - D. Introduction of Ordinance O-4-26 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 Ordinances O-11-25, O-13-25, O-1-26 and O-3-26 to Appropriate Funds for the Following Projects: \$48,300 to Fund the Replacement of Vehicle #14 and \$125,000 for the Administration of the April 7, 2026 Mayoral Election
 - E. Approval of Letter to Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission RE: City of Bowie – Go Prince George's Preliminary Master Plan Comments

XI. OLD BUSINESS

- A.** Adoption of Ordinance O-3-26 - 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 Ordinances O-11-25, O-13-25, and O-1-26, to Appropriate Funds in the Amount of \$142,100 for a Network Connectivity Redundancy Project and Fiber Optic Network Expansion Project, and to Appropriate \$67,600 to Replace Tasers for the Police Department and to Account for the Receipt of a Grant From Prince Georges County and Allocate the Grant Funds to Certain Services - **Public Hearing/Eligible for Action**
- B.** Bowie Brighter Strategic Plan

XII. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Washington Gas Operational Briefing - Infrastructure Updates and Incident Review
- B.** Request for Council Approval - New Speed Camera Locations - **Eligible for Action**
- C.** Traffic Safety Discussion - Tulip Grove Elementary School and Kenilworth Elementary School
- D.** Opportunities for County Funding

XIII. ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION

To adjourn to closed session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, General Provisions Article §3-305(b)(4): "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State".

Note: The Ethics Commission has advised that under certain circumstances, members of the public may qualify as lobbyists when they testify before the City Council. If so, the Bowie Ethics Ordinance requires that certain information be filed with the Ethics Commission. Please review the information about lobbying that is provided with the City Clerk. If you have any questions about lobbying, please contact the Ethics Commission or the Assistant City Manager.

This meeting will be televised live on Verizon Channel 10 and Comcast Channel 71 and 996, repeated on 4/8/2026 and 4/11/2026 at 7:00 p.m., and [web-streamed live](#).

For a closed-captioned version of the meeting video, please go to <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofbowiemd/playlists> and select the 2026 Council Meetings list. Once the meeting video opens, be sure to click on "CC" button to turn on closed captioning.

NEXT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOWIE CITY COUNCIL - MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2026 - COUNCIL CHAMBERS - 8:00 P.M.



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Lisa Adams, Code Compliance Assistant Manager

SUBJECT: Animal Control Appreciation Week 2026 - Proclamation P-1-26

DATE: 04/02/2026

This memorandum continues our annual effort to celebrate and promote professionalism within the Animal Care and Control field. As with other events designed to promote specific groups, professions, and other important causes, we would like to show appreciation for our Animal Control Officers, Angel Miller-McGee and Jazsmin Prince.

Animal Control Appreciation Week 2026 provides an important opportunity to recognize and celebrate the essential work performed by animal control officers in our community. These individuals play a critical role in maintaining public safety, promoting animal welfare, and supporting the overall health of our neighborhoods.

Recognizing Animal Control Appreciation Week is a meaningful way to acknowledge these contributions, express gratitude, and raise awareness about the importance of their work. It also encourages continued support for the resources and policies needed to help them succeed in their mission.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20260406 - Proclamation P-1-26

PROCLAMATION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
PROCLAIMING APRIL 12 -18 OF 2026 AS ANIMAL CONTROL APPRECIATION
WEEK

WHEREAS, Animal Control Appreciation Week is nationally recognized during the second full week of April, honoring the vital work of these professionals; and

WHEREAS, City of Bowie Animal Control Officers serve on the front line of public safety through enforcement of local ordinances, rescue animals in need, and promote responsible pet ownership; and

WHEREAS, their work often requires quick decision-making in unpredictable and high-risk environments, ensuring both residents and animals are protected; and

WHEREAS, their efforts directly contribute to reducing animal suffering, improving outcomes for vulnerable animal populations, and preventing the spread of diseases; and

WHEREAS, City of Bowie Animal Control Officers responded to 550 service reports in 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland hereby recognize April 12-18 of 2026 as Animal Control Appreciation Week, and we encourage all residents to join in recognizing and expressing their appreciation for the dedication and service by the individuals who serve as our Animal Control Officers.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on April 6, 2026.

ATTEST:

H.L. Dufour Woolfley
Acting Mayor

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

PROCLAMATION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
PROCLAIMING MARCH 29, 2026 AS EDUCATION AND SHARING DAY IN THE
CITY OF BOWIE

WHEREAS, education, the cornerstone of a strong and free society, determines what we know and shapes who we are. In that light, education is more than the mere transmission of facts and figures; rather, it must prepare children for a life of responsibility and purpose, forming and strengthening their moral character; and

WHEREAS, a global spiritual leader and leading advocate for the advancement of education, the Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem M. Schneerson, of righteous memory, stressed that a moral and ethical education empowers every individual to realize their full potential and make the world a better place. Such an education can nurture the unity of diverse peoples through encouraging increased acts of goodness and kindness, imbued with the awareness that even a single positive act of an individual can change the world and usher in an era of global peace; and

WHEREAS, March 29, 2026, will mark 124 years since the Rebbe's birth. From childhood, he envisioned a world of peace and tranquility for all and advanced the sacred responsibilities and ethical values that have formed the bedrock of society since the dawn of civilization. To honor the Creator, respect life, reject violence, act honestly, value family, promote generosity, and build a just and moral society; and

WHEREAS, "Education & Sharing Day" is observed each year on the Rebbe's birthday in recognition of his outstanding and lasting contributions toward the improvement of education, morality, and acts of charity around the world; a day to pause and reflect on our responsibility to ensure our youth have the foundation necessary to lead lives rich in purpose and fulfillment through service and good works.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland hereby proclaims March 29, 2026, as Education and Sharing Day in the City of Bowie.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on April 6, 2026.

ATTEST:

H.L. Dufour Woolfley
Acting Mayor

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Hyung Ahn, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: Waive Bidding for the Purchase of Fleet Management Technologies with Related Software Solutions - Resolution R-34-26

DATE: 04/02/2026

The FY26 budget allows for the purchase of Fleet Management Technologies, which will be used by the Public Works Department. The Public Works Department located a contract awarded by Sourcewell, a unit of Minnesota State Government formed for cooperative bidding purposes, to Motive Technologies, Inc. (Master Agreement #102924), for Fleet Management Technologies with Related Software Solutions meeting the needs of the Public Works Department. The cost for these services for the remainder of FY26 is \$14,256.00, which is within the budgeted amount. The proposed contract price for the services to be procured will potentially exceed fifty thousand dollars with the Contract Renewals for FY27-29.

The Sourcewell contract may be deemed not substantially equivalent to the City's procurement practices for purposes of applying the cooperative bidding section of the City Charter, because Sourcewell charges a fee to participating vendors. The Department investigated whether better results might be obtained through piggybacking another entity. The prices received were greater than the price offered under the Sourcewell contract. Therefore, in the Department's judgment, good cause exists under Section 61(b)(3) of the Charter to waive the competitive procurement requirements of Section 62. The waiver requires the affirmative vote of 2/3 of the Council.

In accordance with City Charter Section 61, we are requesting that Council waive bidding requirements and Award a Contract to Motive Technologies, Inc. in the amount of \$14,256.00.

I concur with the above recommendation and request your approval of Resolution R-34-26.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20260406 - Resolution R-34-26

RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
WAIVING THE COMPETITIVE BIDDING REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 61
“PURCHASING AND CONTRACTING” OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF
BOWIE AND AWARDING A CONTRACT TO MOTIVE TECHNOLOGIES, INC. IN
THE AMOUNT OF \$14,256.00 FOR THE PURCHASE OF
FLEET MANAGEMENT TECHNOLOGIES WITH RELATED SOFTWARE
SOLUTIONS, BY PIGGYBACKING A SOURCEWELL CONTRACT

WHEREAS, the Charter of the City of Bowie, Maryland (hereinafter, “the City”) requires, in section 61, that all expenditures for inter alia, materials, construction of public improvements or contractual services involving more than fifty thousand dollars be made by written contract upon sealed bids to the lowest responsible bidder, except where the City Council by two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members waives the bidding requirement for good cause shown; and

WHEREAS, the FY26 budget allows for the purchase of Fleet Management Technologies, which will be used by the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the Public Works Department located a contract awarded by Sourcewell, a unit of Minnesota State Government formed for cooperative bidding purposes, to Motive Technologies, Inc. (Master Agreement #102924), for Fleet Management Technologies with Related Software Solutions meeting the needs of the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, the cost for these services for the remainder of FY26 is \$14,256.00, which is within the budgeted amount. The proposed contract price for the services to be procured will potentially exceed fifty thousand dollars with the Contract Renewals for FY27-29; and

WHEREAS, the Sourcewell contract may be deemed not substantially equivalent to the City’s procurement practices for purposes of applying the cooperative bidding section of the City Charter, because Sourcewell charges a fee to participating vendors; and

WHEREAS, the Department investigated whether better results might be obtained through piggybacking another entity; and

WHEREAS, the prices received were greater than the price offered under the Sourcewell contract; and

WHEREAS, in the Department’s judgment, good cause exists under Section 61(b)(3) of the Charter to waive the competitive procurement requirements of Section 62; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract price for the services to be procured will potentially exceed fifty thousand dollars and the City Council deems the aforesaid economic efficiencies to constitute good cause to waive the bidding requirements otherwise required by the Charter; and

WHEREAS, the waiver requires the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, by at least a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members, that:

Section 1. The competitive bidding requirements of Section 61 of the Bowie City Charter for good cause shown, are hereby waived.

Section 2. The City Manager is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the said company for the above mentioned services.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on April 6, 2026, by a vote of at least two-thirds (2/3) of the members of the Council.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

H.L. Dufour Woolfley
Acting Mayor



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Hyung Ahn, Director of Public Works

SUBJECT: RFP/Task Order #11-04 On-Site Senior Construction Inspector - Resolution R-35-26

DATE: 04/02/2026

On January 7, 2019 and February 4, 2019, the City entered into an Architect/Engineering Open End Agreement for Category 11-Planning and Administrative for A/E Services with KCI Technologies, Inc. (KCI) of Sparks, Maryland; Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RK&K), of Baltimore, MD; and Hill International, Inc. (Hill) of Glen Burnie, MD. Professional Services delivered through these Agreements are negotiated and procured on a Task Order basis as the City's needs arise.

On March 11, 2026, the Public Works Department advertised a Notice of Intent to Negotiate with KCI for FY26 Task Order/RFP#11-04 On-Site Senior Construction Inspector under the Architect/Engineering Open End Agreement. A Proposal was received and accepted from KCI for this task and selected based on experience, qualifications, cost, capacity to perform in a timely manner and understanding of the scope of services.

In accordance with City Charter Section 61(b)(4), a fee of \$75,099.48 for the required services was negotiated. This will be funded from FY26 Public Works Solid Waste Professional Services Budget.

The Public Works Department recommends that Council authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to KCI for Task Order/RFP#11-04 pursuant to the Master Contract approved on January 7, 2019.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20260406 - Resolution R-35-26

RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO KCI
TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR TASK ORDER/RFP#11-04 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$75,099.48 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MASTER CONTRACT APPROVED ON
JANUARY 7, 2019

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2026, the Public Works Department advertised a Notice of Intent to Negotiate with KCI for FY26 Task Order/RFP#11-04 On-Site Senior Construction Inspector; and

WHEREAS, there are three (3) firms which have open ended professional services agreements with the City for Planning and Administrative A/E Services. These firms include KCI Technologies, Inc. (KCI) of Sparks, Maryland, Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RK&K), of Baltimore, MD and Hill International, Inc. of Glen Burnie, MD; and

WHEREAS, a Proposal was received and accepted from KCI for this task and selected based on experience, qualifications, cost, capacity to perform in a timely manner and understanding of the scope of services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with City Charter Section 61(b)(4), a fee of \$75,099.48 for the required services was negotiated. This will be funded from FY26 Public Works Solid Waste Professional Services Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, in accordance with City Charter Section 61(b)(4), a fee of \$75,099.48 for the required services was negotiated. This will be funded from FY26 Public Works Solid Waste Professional Services Budget.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on April 6, 2026.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

H.L. Dufour Woolfley
Acting Mayor



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Daniel Mears, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: RFP/Task Order #3-24 Bowie New Town Center Stormwater Management Pond & Dam Inspection & Dam Breach Analysis - Resolution R-37-26

DATE: 04/02/2026

On October 31, 2018, the City entered into an Architect/Engineering Open End Agreement for Category 3-Stormwater Management and Ecological (Design & CMI) with KCI Technologies, Inc. (KCI) of Sparks, MD; Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RK&K) of Baltimore, MD; A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc. (AMT) of Rockville, MD; Brudis & Associates, Inc. (BAI) of Columbia, MD; and BayLand Consultants & Designs, Inc., (BayLand) of Columbia MD. Professional Services delivered through these Agreements are negotiated and procured on a Task Order basis as the City's needs arise.

On February 6, 2026, the Public Works Department advertised a Notice of Intent to Negotiate for RFP/Task Order #3-24 Bowie New Town Center Stormwater Management Pond & Dam Inspection & Dam Breach Analysis under the Architect/Engineering Open End Agreement. Proposals were received from KCI, AMT, BayLand and BAI. For this task, KCI was selected based on experience, qualifications, cost, capacity to perform in a timely manner and understanding of the scope of services.

In accordance with City Charter Section 61(b)(4), a fee of \$156,892.63 for the required services was negotiated. This will be funded from FY26 Public Works Professional Services Budgets Water (\$22,841.25), Wastewater (\$6,665.52) and Solid Waste (\$127,385.86).

The Public Works Department recommends that Council authorize the issuance of a Purchase Order to KCI for Task Order/RFP#3-24 pursuant to the Master Contract approved on October 31, 2018.

I concur with the recommendation of the Public Works Department and request your approval of Resolution R-37-26.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20260406 - Resolution R-37-26

RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A PURCHASE ORDER TO KCI
TECHNOLOGIES, INC. FOR TASK ORDER/RFP#3-24 IN THE AMOUNT OF
\$156,892.63 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MASTER CONTRACT APPROVED ON
OCTOBER 31, 2018

WHEREAS, on February 6, 2026, the Public Works Department advertised a Notice of Intent to Negotiate for RFP/Task Order #3-24 Bowie New Town Center Stormwater Management Pond & Dam Inspection & Dam Breach Analysis; and

WHEREAS, there are five (5) firms which have open ended professional services agreements with the City for Stormwater Management and Ecological (Design & CMI) A/E Services. These firms include KCI Technologies, Inc. (KCI) of Sparks, MD; Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP (RK&K) of Baltimore, MD; A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc. (AMT) of Rockville, MD; Brudis & Associates, Inc. (BAI) of Columbia, MD; and BayLand Consultants & Designs, Inc., (BayLand) of Columbia MD; and

WHEREAS, Proposals were received from KCI, AMT, BayLand and BAI. For this task, KCI was selected based on experience, qualifications, cost, capacity to perform in a timely manner and understanding of the scope of services; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with City Charter Section 61(b)(4), a fee of \$156,892.63 for the required services was negotiated. This will be funded from FY26 Public Works Professional Services Budgets Water (\$22,841.25), Wastewater (\$6,665.52) and Solid Waste (\$127,385.86).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland that the Council authorizes the issuance of a Purchase Order to KCI for Task Order/RFP#3-24 pursuant to the Master Contract approved on October 31, 2018.

INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on April 6, 2026.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

H.L. Dufour Woolfley
Acting Mayor



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Shahnaz Ariff, Acting Assistant Finance Director

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Approving Supplemental Appropriations for the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 - Ordinance O-4-26

DATE: 04/02/2026

Ordinance O-4-26 proposes to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget to provide additional appropriations for the following purpose:

Vehicle #14 was deemed a total loss in an accident, and the replacement vehicle will cost \$48,300. Therefore, an additional appropriation of \$48,300 from the General Fund balance is requested, bringing the FY2026 total for this vehicle to \$48,300. The City has received \$28,000 from the insurance company as recovery for the loss, with an additional payment to be issued after the invoice is processed.

Mayor Timothy J. Adams has resigned as Mayor of the City of Bowie following his appointment to the Prince George's County Council representing District 4. As a result, a special election will be held on April 7, 2026. Staff is requesting an additional appropriation of \$125,000 to cover costs associated with administering the election, including election officials, polling place operations, ballots, equipment, public notices, and related expenses.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20260406 - Ordinance O-4-26

ORDINANCE
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE
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
ORDINANCES O-11-25, O-13-25, O-1-26 AND O-3-26 TO
APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:
\$48,300 TO FUND THE REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLE #14 AND
\$125,000 FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE APRIL 7, 2026
MAYORAL ELECTION.

WHEREAS, as required by the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Charter of the City of Bowie, the Bowie City Council (hereinafter, “the City Council”) adopted Ordinance No. O-4-25 to appropriate funds for the several objects and purposes for which the City intended to provide for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O-4-25 was amended by Ordinance No. O-11-25, O-13-25, O-1-26 and O-3-26; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 45 of the City Charter, no public money may be expended without having been appropriated by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, supplemental appropriations are necessary to reflect additional expenditures that were not included in Ordinances O-4-25 as amended; and

WHEREAS, it has become necessary, for the reasons set forth herein, to appropriate additional funding for the General Fund and Equipment Acquisition Fund; and

WHEREAS, an additional appropriation of \$48,300 is required to replace a vehicle, (Asset ID #14) that was damaged in a vehicle-related accident; and

WHEREAS, an additional appropriation to the Appropriated Fund Balance of \$125,000 is required to facilitate expenses associated with the special election including but not limited to election officials, polling place operations, ballots, equipment, public notices, and related expenses; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov’t Article, § 5-205, the City may spend money for a purpose different from the purpose for which the money was appropriated or spend money not appropriated at the time of the annual levy if approved by a two-thirds vote of all the individuals elected to the Council; and

WHEREAS, City Charter, Sec. 12 “Procedure for enacting ordinances” requires that ordinances become effective at the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days following their passage by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland that the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1,

2025, ending June 30, 2026, as adopted by Ordinance O-4-25, amended by O-11-25, O-13-05, O-1-26 and O-3-26; is further amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Appropriated Fund Balance	[\$20,056,500]	\$ 20,229,800	
TOTAL REVENUES	[\$92,050,600]	\$ 92,223,900	

APPROPRIATION BY ACTIVITY

Nondepartmental- Equipment Acquisition And Replacement Fund	[\$2,309,500]	\$ 2,357,800	
Elections	[1,000]	126,000	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	[\$92,050,600]	\$ 92,223,900	

EQUIPMENT ACQUISITION AND REPLACEMENT FUND

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Transfer from General Fund	[\$2,309,500]	\$ 2,357,800	
TOTAL REVENUES	[\$4,790,600]	\$ 4,838,900	

APPROPRIATIONS

General Government Equipment	[\$786,800]	\$ 835,100	
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	[\$4,790,600]	\$ 4,838,900	

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE that, this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland provided that a fair summary of this Ordinance is published at least once prior to the passage and at least once within ten (10) days after the date of passage in a newspaper having general circulation in the City.

INTRODUCED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on _____, 20__.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on _____, 20__.

BOLD SMALL CAPS : Indicate matter added to existing law.
Strikethrough : Indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Asterisks*** : Indicate matter retained in existing law but omitted herein.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

H.L. Dufour Woolfley
Acting Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
SUFFICIENCY:**

Elissa D. Levan
City Attorney

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City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

April 6, 2026

Acting Director James Hunt
Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
Prince George's County Planning Dept. Building
1616 McCormick Drive
Largo, Maryland 20774

RE: City of Bowie – Go Prince George's Preliminary Master Plan Comments

Dear Acting Director Hunt:

This letter outlines the City's comments on the Preliminary Master Plan of Transportation (Go Prince George's). We have attended briefings, spoken with staff, and appreciate the Planning Department's outreach efforts. These comments reinforce the formal requests submitted in our 2025 Transportation Priority Letter. Our recommendations focus on critical infrastructure improvements necessary for safety, connectivity, and the long-term quality of life for our residents.

1. County Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Priorities

Church Road: Improving Church Road remains the City's top priority for County roads. This long-standing project is currently listed as "to be determined" and falls into the "Beyond 6 Years" category of the County CIP. We urge you to advance this project to improve safety and traffic capacity, including geometric and safety enhancements between Woodmore Road and MD 214 and the construction of a missing link to MD-450 along with the barrier-separated cycle path and shared-use path recommended in Section 3 of the Preliminary Master Plan. The City is prepared to offer six acres of land to facilitate straightening the dangerous S-curves south of Tall Oaks Vocational School. In alignment with the Go Prince George's Preliminary Plan, we recommend that the County formally incorporate the Church Road realignment into the near-term Action Plan to rectify critical safety deficiencies. Furthermore, it is essential that the Master Plan of Transportation explicitly acknowledges the City's land dedication offer as a primary mechanism to accelerate the straightening of the dangerous S-curves and the completion of the MD-450 link.

Race Track Road: The City supports ongoing efforts by the County to fund and restart the pedestrian safety and aesthetic landscaping project on Race Track Road. We recommend that the final plan incorporate a "complete street" cross-section and extend project limits beyond the Race Track to maximize community benefits. This will serve as a primary regional link, integrating seamlessly with the broader trail network to provide uninterrupted non-motorized access

ACTING MAYOR H.L. Dufour Woolfley

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between residential neighborhoods and key activity centers. The County can facilitate a "Complete Streets" corridor that bridges existing gaps in the Citywide bicycle spine, ensuring that pedestrian and aesthetic improvements translate into functional, long-distance multi-modal connectivity.

Governor's Bridge Replacement: Replacing Governor's Bridge is a critical priority identified in the Bowie, Mitchellville and Vicinity Area Master Plan. This bridge serves as a vital second point of access for multiple communities and commercial properties. We urge the acceleration of this project to restore safe vehicular access, particularly for emergency vehicles.

2. US 301 and Local Roadway Enhancements

US 301 Improvements (South of MD 214): We support planned improvements to widen US 301 and add a third through lane to improve traffic flow. We are concerned about the lack of funding for a northbound third lane and urge the County to allocate CIP funding toward a future State Highway Administration (SHA) project to eliminate the "accordion effect" that creates significant congestion. We strongly support the recommended capacity improvements for US 301 and agree that adding a third through lane is essential for relieving chronic regional bottlenecks. While these improvements are currently recognized in the County CIP, we continue to advocate for their inclusion in the State Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) to ensure the State Highway Administration (SHA) can fully address the "accordion effect" and provide a consistent, high-capacity northbound corridor that matches southbound enhancements.

Mount Oak Road: The City recommends down-classifying Mount Oak Road to a collector from Church Road to Mitchellville Road and shifting the alignment to the existing Master Plan right-of-way to facilitate the construction of a separated shared-use path and better align the roadway with its residential context and multimodal safety goals. Additionally, we request a separated off-road bicycle path along Mount Oak Road. Current conditions identify a critical missing link for non-motorized travel. A separated off-road path is necessary to connect the terminus of Pin Oak Parkway to the existing side paths on Nottingham Drive and Mount Oak Drive. The County will effectively close a critical infrastructure gap, expanding the regional trail system to create a seamless connection between the terminus of Pin Oak Parkway and the existing trail network. This request directly supports Policy BK 1 of the Go Prince George's plan, which seeks to provide a continuous, safe, and accessible countywide network of off-road shared-use paths.

3. Public Transit Strategy

Strategy TR 7.6 Expansion: We request that the Bowie Town Center be included in Strategy TR 7.6. This would involve expanding the Bulldog Shuttle Service to include additional stops within the BSU MARC Campus Center and the Freestate Shopping Center/Bowie Marketplace. We request the formal inclusion of the Bowie Town Center in Strategy TR 7.6, which mirrors the City Council's commitment to the ULI TAP (Urban Land Institute Technical Assistance Panel) Initiative. For the Bowie Town Center, which the City Council has identified as a top priority for redevelopment, the TAP process serves as the bridge between a traditional retail mall and a modern, sustainable mixed-use hub. The ULI TAP initiative ensures that the City's commercial heart becomes a model for safe, equitable, and connected suburban redevelopment. As identified

in the Go Prince George's Preliminary Plan, BSU is a primary growth activity area. Expanding the shuttle ensures that students and staff have reliable, non-vehicular access to the residential and commercial heart of the City.

4. Policies and Strategies

Strategies for Multimodal Safety, Smart Infrastructure, and Climate Resilience: Beyond specific transit routes, the following recommendations reflect input from the community and our established City committees. We recommend that the Master Plan prioritize enhanced interagency coordination to improve responsiveness to local safety and mobility issues, especially on state-owned roads. We advocate for the integration of smart infrastructure technologies, such as AI-driven signal systems to optimize traffic flow and safety along congested corridors. It is also essential that planning accounts for the electrification of the transportation system by ensuring charging infrastructure and electrical capacity are integrated into early design phases for electric vehicles, buses, and micromobility devices. To improve transit efficiency in lower-density areas, we support the use of smaller, flexible options such as microtransit and vanpool programs. Additionally, the City promotes focused approaches to high-risk pedestrian crossings, concentrating on high-speed thoroughfares like US 301/MD-3. Lastly, we suggest that the Master Plan specifically include metrics for greenhouse gas emissions and vehicle miles traveled to reduce the sector's environmental impact in order to support the County Climate Action Plan. Investigating anonymized mobility data to better understand trip trends and enhance performance monitoring could support this data-driven strategy.

Thank you for your consideration of the City's position and priorities regarding the Go Prince George's Master Plan of Transportation.

Sincerely,

City of Bowie
H.L. Dufour Woolfley
Acting Mayor

cc: The Honorable Darryl Barnes, Prince George's County Planning Board Chairman
The Honorable Krystal Oriadha, County Council Chair
The Honorable Eric C. Olson, County Council Vice Chair
The Honorable Timothy Adams, County Council Member



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Shahnaz Ariff, Acting Assistant Finance Director

SUBJECT: An Ordinance Approving Supplemental Appropriations for the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026 - Ordinance O-3-26

DATE: 04/02/2026

Ordinance O-3-26 proposes to amend the City's Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Budget to provide additional appropriations for the following purpose:

\$142,100 in additional funding is requested to address the Network Connectivity Redundancy and Expansion Fiber Optic Project. Due to a critical increase in the scope of work — specifically a change in fiber optic design, engineering, and procurement services to expand project to the new Ice Arena and adjacent Golf Course — additional funding is required to design Phase II of this project. This amendment ensures the project remains on track for its scheduled completion in FY2027. The project is 100% funded by the PEG funds received via our Franchise Agreements with Comcast and Verizon.

The City has received a grant of \$42,500 from Prince George's County for approved housing, fair housing and homelessness services. The Grants department is requesting that an additional \$42,500 be appropriated for housing assistance.

\$67,600 is requested from the Police Department to replace Tasers no longer in warranty. Tasers are an integral part of policing, they are a required piece of equipment for the City of Bowie Police Department. Presently, the Tasers that are issued to the City's Police Officers are more than five (5) years old and are now out of warranty. This presents potential challenges if the Tasers are ineffective upon use, which exposes the City to the potential for civil exposure. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the City to replace the existing Tasers in use with newer Tasers that are fully under warranty.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20260406 - Ordinance O-3-26

ORDINANCE
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
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 ORDINANCES O-11-25, O-13-25, AND O-1-26,
TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$142,100 FOR A NETWORK
CONNECTIVITY REDUNDANCY PROJECT AND FIBER OPTIC NETWORK
EXPANSION PROJECT, AND TO APPROPRIATE \$67,600 TO REPLACE TASERS
FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO ACCOUNT FOR THE RECEIPT OF A
GRANT FROM PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND ALLOCATE THE GRANT
FUNDS TO CERTAIN SERVICES

WHEREAS, as required by the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland and the Charter of the City of Bowie, the Bowie City Council (hereinafter, "the City Council") adopted Ordinance No. O-4-25 to appropriate funds for the several objects and purposes for which the City intended to provide for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O-4-25 was amended by Ordinance No. O-11-25, O-13-25 and O-1-26; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 45 of the City Charter, no public money may be expended without having been appropriated by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, supplemental appropriations are necessary to reflect additional expenditures that were not included in Ordinances O-4-25 as amended; and

WHEREAS, an additional appropriation to the Appropriated Fund Balance of \$142,100 is required to facilitate immediate design, engineering, and procurement services to the Network Connectivity Redundancy and Fiber Optic Network Expansion Project and an additional appropriation of \$67,600 to the Appropriated Fund Balance is required to replace Tasers for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to allocate \$142,100 hereby appropriated to the Business Operations expense line item for the Network Connectivity Redundancy and Fiber Optic Network Expansion Project and to allocate \$67,600 hereby appropriated to the Police Department line item for the acquisition of replacement Tasers for the Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the City has received additional revenue in the amount of \$42,500 through a grant from Prince George's County ("the Housing Grant") for which the adopted budget did not account; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to appropriate the monies received through the Housing Grant to the City Manager line item to make corresponding expenditures of \$42,500 for approved housing and homelessness-related services; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Md. Code Ann., Local Gov't Article, § 5-205, the City may spend money for a purpose different from the purpose for which the money was appropriated or spend money not appropriated at the time of the annual levy if approved by a two-thirds vote of all the individuals elected to the Council; and

WHEREAS, City Charter, Sec. 12 "Procedure for enacting ordinances" requires that ordinances become effective at the expiration of thirty (30) calendar days following their passage by the City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland that the Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2025, ending June 30, 2026, as adopted by Ordinance O-4-25, amended by O-11-25, O-13-05 and O-1-26; is further amended as follows:

GENERAL FUND

ESTIMATED REVENUES

Revenues and Other Financing Sources	[\$71,419,500]	\$ 71,462,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>[19,846,800]</u>	<u>20,056,500</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>[\$91,798,400]</u>	<u>\$92,050,600</u>

APPROPRIATION BY ACTIVITY

City Manager	[\$2,036,000]	\$ 2,078,500
Business Operations	[867,400]	1,009,500
Police	<u>[18,069,600]</u>	<u>18,137,200</u>
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	<u>[\$91,798,400]</u>	<u>\$92,050,600</u>

AND, BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE that, this Ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after its enactment by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland provided that it has been approved by a vote of 2/3 of the City Council and a fair summary of this Ordinance is published at least once prior to the passage and at least once within ten (10) days after the date of passage in a newspaper having general circulation in the City.

INTRODUCED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on March 2, 2026.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on _____, 20____.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

H.L. Dufour Woolfley
Acting Mayor

**APPROVED AS TO FORM AND
SUFFICIENCY:**

Elissa D. Levan
City Attorney



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Daniel Mears, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: Bowie Brighter Strategic Plan

DATE: 04/02/2026

Following work by the City Council, community engagement in the summer of 2024, establishment of the City's Mission, Vision, Values, and Goals, the City Council tasked staff with the development of objectives and initiatives for its strategic plan. Through the spring of 2025 a cross-department team of employees developed the initiatives to support the strategic plan. The City's SPARK Team presented the plan along with Priority Initiatives to the City Council in August 2025. Staff then returned to work to incorporate funding needs into the draft of the FY 2027 budget.

Members of the SPARK Team will present the final Bowie Brighter Strategic Plan to the City Council, highlighting all of the initiatives that have been included in support of the City's Mission and Vision. The presentation will cover the initiatives in advance of the City Council's review of the proposed budget beginning in April 2026. It is anticipated that discussion of the specific items and their inclusion in the budget will take place during the City Council's budget worksessions.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. 20260406 - Bowie Brighter Strategic Plan - with cover
2. 20260406 - Bowie Brighter Presentation - April 2026

STRATEGIC PLAN



City of Bowie, MD Strategic Plan

As of April 14, 2025

This strategic plan includes...

- Mission and vision statements drafted by Council, reviewed by senior staff with feedback from mid-level managers and the community, and finalized by Council
- Values and values statements from staff and reviewed by Council
- Goals and goals statements from staff and reviewed by Council
- Outcome measures, objectives, and initiatives from the SPARK Team

The Strategic Planning Framework





Mission & Vision

The mission statement is:

To provide high standard, cost-efficient services that enhance the quality of life in Bowie.

The vision statement is:

A thriving and inclusive community with great services where people aspire to live, work, and play.



Values

Values and value statements

Respect

We value everyone's concerns and contributions.

Improvement

We evaluate, innovate, and implement new methods to deliver high quality services.

Accountability

We are responsive and responsible for our decisions, actions, and outcomes.

Collaboration

We listen, compromise, share, and establish lines of communication with stakeholders.

Integrity

We are equitable and transparent in our interactions and the services we provide.

Goals and Goal Statements

Safe Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve safety in the community through education, engagement, and resource commitment
Connected and Informed Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster opportunities for community members to engage with their government
Sustainable Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate and prioritize environmentally friendly and long-lasting actions
Responsive Service Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adapt current services to address emerging community priorities
Staff Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruit, train, and retain the best people for today and the future

Goals and goal statements with outcome measures

Safe Community	Improve safety in the community through education, engagement, and resource commitment
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As measured by: • The number of current users vs number of new users on Alert Bowie and new social media • Reduce crimes against persons and property by 10% 	

Objectives: What we must do well today or barriers we must overcome

Objective 1.1: Improve the process to better route emergency and non-emergency reporting	Objective 1.2: Increase cross-departmental conversations about safety	Objective 1.3: Update safety infrastructure on City property
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Initiatives:

<p>1A. Execute targeted and timely updates and follow-up on safety issues across all communication channels</p> <p>1B. Diversify the type of content on Bowie alerts</p> <p>1C. Update the resident reporting systems to better respond to emergencies*</p> <p>1D. Develop crime safety preventative measure campaign: “chief chats”, YouTube, social media campaign</p> <p>1E. Explore alternative safety/operational resources: drones, cameras, better lighting, emergency phones, etc.</p>
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**Initiatives with an asterisk indicate priority initiatives*

Connected and Informed Community	Foster opportunities for community members to engage with their government
As measured by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of community events • Participation at events, Council meetings, and on social media • Survey response rates 	

Objectives: What we must do well today or barriers we must overcome

Objective 2.1: Promote information sharing at events	Objective 2.2: Increase community participation and public engagement	Objective 2.3: Conduct outreach prior to “special events”
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Initiatives:

2A. Have more cross-departmental participation at regional events to promote their services* 2B. Explore opportunities to make Council meetings more engaging (including time of day) 2C. Implement community pulse surveys (Use polls in Alert Bowie?) 2D. Diversify the type of content on Alert Bowie and social media
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Initiatives with an asterisk indicate priority initiatives

Sustainable Practices	Incorporate and prioritize environmentally friendly and long-lasting actions
As measured by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the Environmental Action Plan • Per Capita tonnage of solid waste • Reduce City of Bowie carbon footprint 	

Objectives: What we must do well today or barriers we must overcome

Objective 3.1: Reduce solid waste disposal tonnage	Objective 3.2: Operate as a Smart City	Objective 3.3: Reduce fuel usage/increase alternative fuel usage
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Initiatives:

3A. Implement Environmental Action Plan 3B. Complete trail system and Wayfinding plan 3C. Develop internal Native Species policy 3D. Implement Smart City Framework* 3E. Create a green fleet policy 3F. Develop programs for energy efficiency, alternative fuels, and renewables on City facilities and through resident programs (e.g. solar farm, EV charging stations, etc.)* 3G. Expand food waste services*
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Initiatives with an asterisk indicate priority initiatives

Responsive Service Delivery	Adapt current services to address emerging community priorities
As measured by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community customer satisfaction and number of respondents on surveys • Resident participant and engagement at events and on social media 	

Objectives: What we must do well today or barriers we must overcome

Objective 4.1: Offer more accessible information (People with disabilities, English for Speakers of Other Languages, residents)	Objective 4.2: Identify barriers to community members using City services	Objective 4.3: Identify emerging community priorities
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Initiatives:

4A. Make all materials and website accessible by 2026 (State requirement)* 4B. Translate materials into Spanish 4C. Disseminate targeted service documents more often via all communication channels 4D. Address community needs and determine the budget to support them by hosting a cross-departmental retreat to consider topics such as sustainability, safety, and technology 4E. Implement a customer satisfaction survey (either City-wide or department-specific)
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Initiatives with an asterisk indicate priority initiatives



Staff Development	Recruit, train, and retain the best people for today and the future
As measured by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employee surveys • Time to fill open positions 	

Objectives: What we must do well today or barriers we must overcome

Objective 5.1: Create individual training paths	Objective 5.2: Expand positional stratification	Objective 5.3: Develop methods to measure employees	Objective 5.4: Provide leadership development training
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Initiatives:

<p>5A. Create individual employee interest assessment for training</p> <p>5B. Develop employee surveys*</p> <p>5C. Develop comprehensive stratification plan</p> <p>5D. Develop a cross-training and shadowing program</p> <p>5E. Develop budget for training and training paths</p> <p>5F. Create quick link and QR code referring people to information page on website that lists careers for wider community visibility</p> <p>5G. Create a more comprehensive performance evaluation process (including a 360 review, mid-year review, more consistent check-ins, etc.)</p> <p>5H. Create an on-boarding program including new hire orientation, on-the-job training, and introductions around the City</p>
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Initiatives with an asterisk indicate priority initiatives

Priority Initiatives:

Initiative Number	Initiative	Owner
4A	Make all materials and website accessible by 2026 (State requirement)	Communications
2A	Have more cross-departmental participation at regional events to promote their services	Community Services
5B	Develop employee surveys	Human Resources
3D	Implement Smart City Framework	Information Technology
3G	Expand food waste services	Public Works & Planning and Sustainability
3F	Develop programs for energy efficiency, alternative fuels, and renewables on City facilities and through resident programs (e.g. solar farm, EV charging stations, etc.)	Planning and Sustainability & Business Operations
1C	Update the resident reporting systems to better respond to emergencies	Communications, Police, & Public Works

Bowie

BRIGHTER



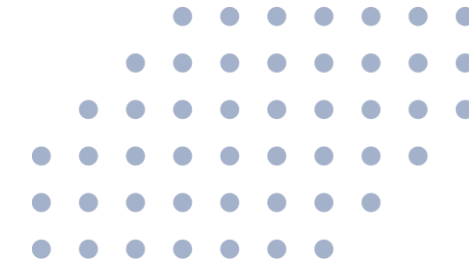
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CORE VALUES

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> **Accountability**

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> **Collaboration**

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> **Integrity**

We are equitable and transparent in our interactions and the services we provide

GOAL 1: SAFE COMMUNITY

Improve safety in the community through education, engagement, and resource commitment

Objectives

1.1

Improve the process to better route emergency and non-emergency reporting

1.2

Increase cross-departmental conversations about safety

1.3

Update safety infrastructure on City property

SERVICE WITH INTEGRITY



GOAL 1: SAFE COMMUNITY



As Measured By:

- 1** The number of current users vs number of new users on Alert Bowie and new social media
- 2** Reduce crimes against persons and property by 10%

GOAL 1: SAFE COMMUNITY

> Initiatives

- 1A:** Execute targeted and timely updates and follow-up on safety issues accross all communication channels
- 1B:** Diversify the type of content on Bowie alerts
- 1C:** Update the resident reporting systems to better respond to emergencies
- 1D:** Develop crime safety preventative measure campaign: “chief chats”, YouTube, Social Media
- 1E:** Explore alternative safety/operational resources: drones, cameras, lighting, etc.



GOAL 2: CONNECTED AND INFORMED COMMUNITY

Foster opportunities for community members to engage with their government

Objectives

2.1

Promote information sharing at events

2.2

Increase community participation and public engagement

2.3

Conduct outreach prior to “special events”

GOAL 2: CONNECTED AND INFORMED COMMUNITY



As Measured By:

- 1 Number of community events
- 2 Participation at events, Council meetings, and on social media
- 3 Survey response rates

GOAL 2: CONNECTED AND INFORMED COMMUNITY

> Initiatives

2A: Have more cross-departmental participation at regional events to promote their services

2B: Explore opportunities to make Council meetings more engaging

2C: Implement community pulse surveys

2D: Diversify the type of content on Alert Bowie and social media



GOAL 3: SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

Incorporate and prioritize environmentally friendly and long-lasting actions

Objectives

3.1

Reduce solid waste disposal tonnage

3.2

Operate as a Smart City

3.3

Reduce Fuel usage/increase alternative fuel usage

GOAL 3: SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES



As Measured By:

- 1** Completion of the Environmental Action Plan
- 2** Per Capita tonnage of solid waste
- 3** Reduce City of Bowie carbon footprint

GOAL 3: SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

> Initiatives

3A: Implement Environmental Action Plan

3B: Complete trail system and Wayfinding plan

3C: Develop internal Native Species policy

3D: Implement Smart City Framework



GOAL 3: SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES

➤ Initiatives Continued

3E: Create a green fleet policy

3F: Develop programs for energy efficiency, alternative fuels, and renewables on City facilities and through resident programs

3G: Expand food waste services



GOAL 4: RESPONSIVE SERVICE DELIVERY

Adapt current services to address emerging community priorities

Objectives

4.1

Offer more accessible information for people with disabilities and Non-English speakers

4.2

Identify barriers to community members using City services

4.3

Identify emerging community priorities

GOAL 4: RESPONSIVE SERVICE DELIVERY



As Measured By:

- 1** Community customer satisfaction and number of respondents on surveys
- 2** Resident participation and engagement at events and on social media

GOAL 4: RESPONSIVE SERVICE DELIVERY

> Initiatives

4A: Make all materials and website accessible by 2026

4B: Translate materials into Spanish

4C: Disseminate targeted service documents more often via all communication channels

4D: Address community needs and determine the budget to support them by hosting a cross-departmental retreat

4E: Implement a customer satisfaction survey





GOAL 5: STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Recruit, train, and retain the best people for today and the future

Objectives

5.1

Create individual training paths

5.2

Expand positional stratification

5.3

Develop methods to measure employees

5.4

Provide leadership development training

GOAL 5: STAFF DEVELOPMENT



As Measured By:

- 1 Employee Surveys
- 2 Time to fill open positions

GOAL 5: STAFF DEVELOPMENT

> Initiatives

5A: Create individual employee interest assessment for training

5B: Develop employee surveys

5C: Develop comprehensive stratification plan

5D: Develop cross-training and shadowing program



GOAL 5: STAFF DEVELOPMENT

> Initiatives Continued

5E: Develop budget for training & training paths

5F: Create quick link and QR code referring people to information page on website that lists careers for wider community visibility

5G: Create a more comprehensive performance evaluation process

5H: Create an on-boarding program including new hire orientation, on-the-job training, and introductions around the City



THANK YOU





Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Mati Bazurto, Director of Business Operations

SUBJECT: Washington Gas Operational Briefing: Infrastructure Updates and Incident Review

DATE: 04/02/2026

Representatives from Washington Gas will attend the upcoming City Council meeting to provide a comprehensive briefing on their operations within the City. The briefing is designed to ensure transparency regarding a recent utility incident, provide status updates on local infrastructure projects, ensure the continuation of clear communications between the City and Wash Gas, and continue to foster a strong partnership.

Key Agenda Items

1. Incident Review: Woodmore Highlands Gas Leak

The Council will receive a post-incident analysis regarding the major gas leak on Dunwood Crossing Drive.

2. Operational & Infrastructure Updates

Washington Gas will present an overview of current and upcoming maintenance plans within city limits. This includes:

- Status reports on active infrastructure projects.
- Timelines for planned pipeline replacements or upgrades.
- Restoration schedules for areas currently impacted by utility work.

3. Council Q&A

The briefing will conclude with a direct dialogue between Council members and Washington Gas representatives. This Q&A can cover:

- Public safety protocols and emergency response efficiency.
- Participation in energy efficiency and subsidy programs.
- Alignment with the City's long-term energy and sustainability goals.

ATTACHMENTS: 1. 20260406 - Washington Gas Bowie City Council Presentation



**Washington
Gas**

Bowie City Council Presentation

April 6, 2026



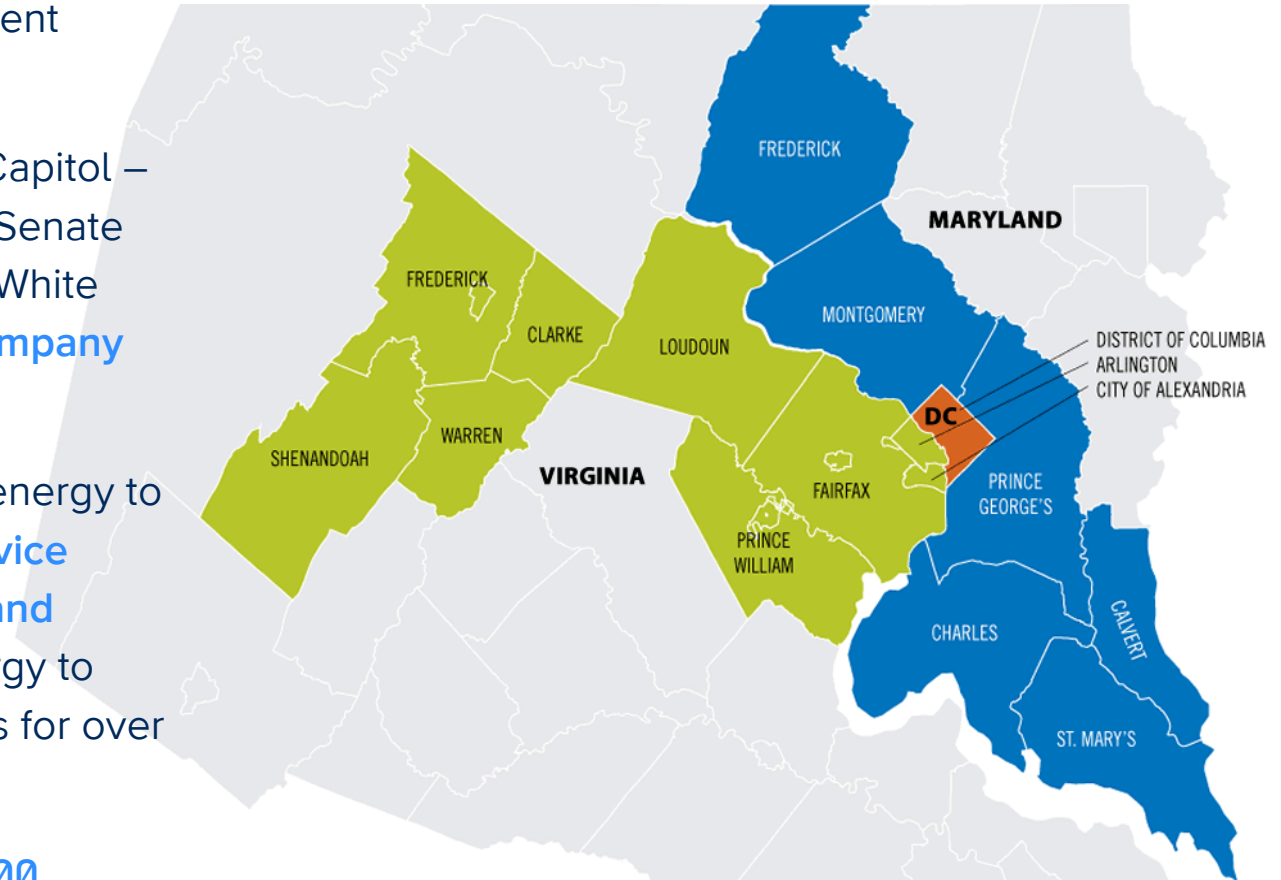
Company Overview

Washington Gas was founded in 1848, through a Congressional charter signed into law by President James K. Polk.

The new company's first customer was the US Capitol – where we installed gas lights in the House and Senate chambers. Gas lights were later installed at the White House and along Pennsylvania Avenue. **The company celebrated its 175th Anniversary, July 2023.**

Today, Washington Gas provides safe, reliable energy to more than **1.2 million customers across our service territory in the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia.** The company has been providing energy to residential, commercial and industrial customers for over 170 years.

Washington Gas provides energy to over **500,000 residential and business customers across the state of Maryland.**





Safety & Leak Response



- Leak Line - 844-WASHGAS
- Leak Response
- Leak Assessment
- Leak Repair
- Call before you dig - 811



Safety is Our #1 Priority

- Natural Gas is non-toxic, colorless, odorless and combustible
- Mercaptan is added as an unpleasant odorant to help detect leaking natural gas
- You are an important part of our safety program
- Remember the 3 R's:

Recognize, React, and Respond!

Washington Gas reminds customers and the general public that if they smell natural gas, or if they have an emergency involving natural gas, to leave the area immediately and **call 911** or the **Washington Gas Leak Line at: [844-WASHGAS \(844-927-4427\)](tel:844-WASHGAS)**



Leak Response, Assessment, & Repair

What does Washington Gas do when responding to a gas odor complaint?

Regulations and standards state whether our crews repairs the leak immediately or follow up with the repair at a later time.

Here's a look at the typical process:

1. Determine if there is a leak

- Through the use of natural gas detection equipment, a technician will check the area to investigate for indications of natural gas.

2. Locate and assess

- If gas is detected, the technician will continue their investigation in order to locate the area of the leak and where gas may be present. Using this information and other factors, the technician will determine if the leak poses a hazard. The technician will not leave until the areas has been determined to be safe.

3. Respond

- **Safety is our top priority.** If a leak poses a potential hazard, the technician will make sure the area is safe, and Washington Gas will conduct immediate repairs. Leaks determined to be non-hazardous will be scheduled for repairs at a later date.



Leak Response, Assessment, & Repair

How is a natural gas leak assessed?

Because safety is our number one priority, every odor complain is treated by Washington Gas with urgency.

Strictly adhering to federal guidelines, Washington Gas thoroughly evaluates, investigates, and assesses all reported gas leaks, which typically fit into the following categories: **non-hazardous and hazardous**

Non-Hazardous

- After evaluation, a leak that is determined to be non-hazardous will be monitored according to an appropriate schedule defined by Washington Gas until repaired. In between scheduled monitoring, the leak will be subject to reassessment pursuant to any additional complaints.

Hazardous

- After evaluation, a leak that is determined to be an immediate hazard to persons or property will be immediately repaired or continuously monitored by highly trained onsite personnel until it can be repaired.

Federal requirements mandate that some non-hazardous leaks must be rechecked within six months and fixed within a year, but Washington Gas routinely completes these repairs more quickly.



Leak Response, Assessment, & Repair

Does Washington Gas have to shut off the gas to repair a leak?

Many leaks are repaired safely without shutting off the gas. If required to maintain safety to the public and our employees, Washington Gas will shut off the gas. When safety permits, Washington Gas plans any shut-off to minimize disruption to our customers. The most common gas shut-off methods are through using the many valves we have in the system, or in some cases simply squeezing off the pipe.

Techniques include

1. Valve

- Use of a series of valves to isolate the section of pipe being repaired.

2. Squeeze-Off

- Using a squeeze-off tool to shut off gas by “pinching” or squeezing the polyethylene pipelines until gas flow stops. Many times this is done in conjunction with a valve to limit the amount of pipe and customers affected by the shutdown.

Washington Gas permanently repairs all leaks. If a permanent repair is not required immediately, a temporary repair is made until a permanent repair – or replacement – is scheduled. If repairs require the interruption of gas service, that service is only turned back on when the repair is complete. After restoration of service, customers’ appliances are relit by Washington Gas personnel or one of its contractors.

Repair procedures are in compliance with federal and state regulatory requirements and industry standards.



Call Before You Dig - 811

What are common causes of damage to natural gas pipelines that lead to gas leaks or emergencies?

One of the leading causes of gas leak emergencies are damages to the underground gas lines by individuals and contractors performing excavation work, including digging, boring and directional drilling. We often refer to this kind of damage as a “third-party strike.”

The majority of these incidents are the result of not following the proper damage prevention protocols as established by the “Call Before You Dig” program, 811. **Anyone digging should call 811 at least two full working days — excluding weekends and holidays — before they are scheduled to begin any type of digging** to report where they are planning to dig and what type of work they will be doing. Utility companies who may have facilities in the area of the dig site will be notified about the potential excavation. Each affected utility company will **send a locator to mark the approximate location of the nearby underground utility lines.**

This service is free.



**Know what's below.
Call before you dig.**

Using the 811 service properly helps to significantly reduce the risk of damage to underground utility infrastructure. Pipelines can be damaged in a number of ways, including:



Excavation
Equipment



Gardening
Tools



Augers &
Drilling
Equipment



System Reliability



- Reliability Structure & Resources
- STRIDE & APRP
- Construction Overview



Reliability Structure & Resources

- **Emergency response** on a 24/7 basis to investigate and make safe all odor complaints.
- **Periodic Leak Survey** (every 3 years) –100% check of all facilities for leakage.
- **Distribution Integrity Management Program (DIMP)** – enhance safety by identifying and reducing gas distribution pipeline integrity risks
- **Annual Replacement Programs** – proactive replacements based on system analysis of leak and maintenance history as well as other factors
- All **maintenance work** is scheduled in accordance with industry standards depending on the nature of the leak and are based on hazards to persons, life, or property.
- These **repair standards** are in place to serve the safety of our communities.



STRIDE & APRP

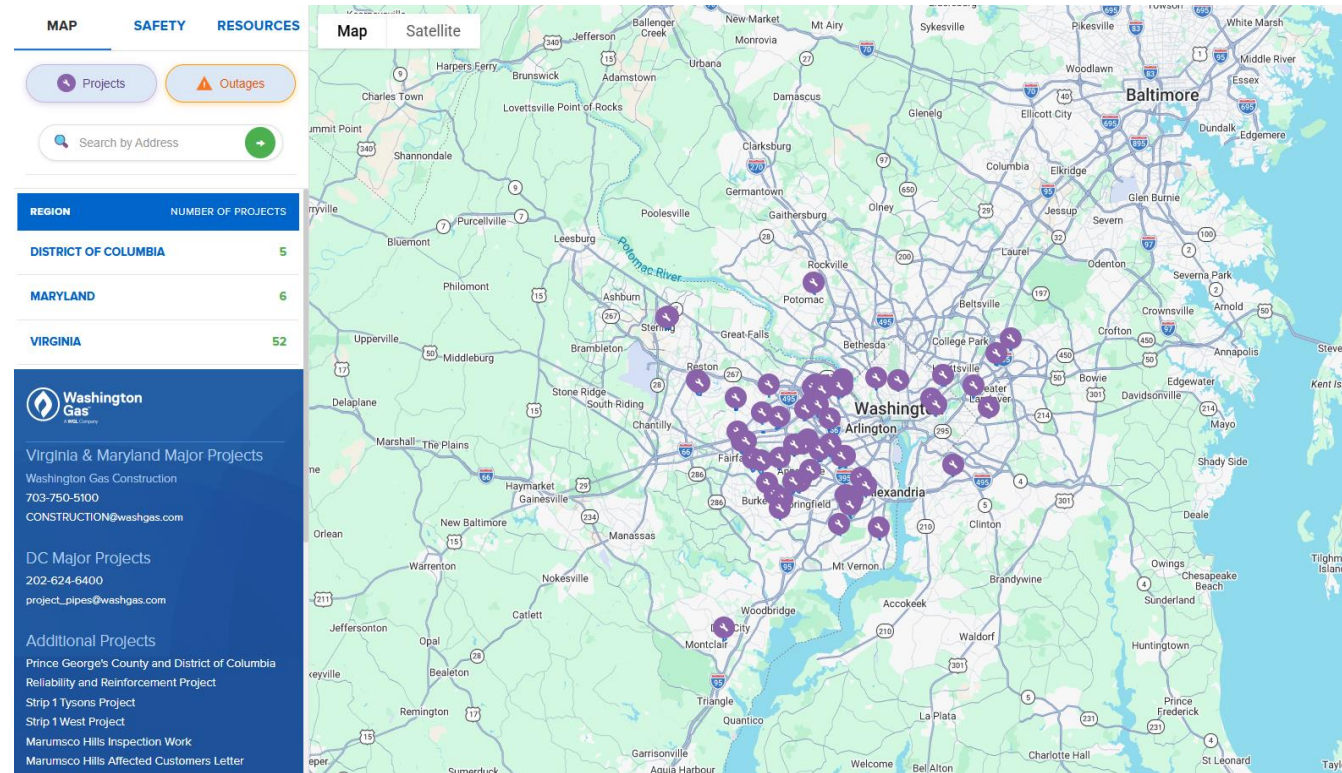
Throughout the country, utilities are seeking accelerated replacement of aging infrastructure.

Maryland has joined the majority of states with accelerated replacement programs by enacting a law, the **Maryland Strategic Infrastructure Development & Enhancement Act (STRIDE)**, which allows for proactive accelerated replacement of aging infrastructure.

Through STRIDE, Washington Gas is proactively replacing its aging infrastructure in accordance with the **Accelerated Pipe Replacement Program (APRP)** in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia.

For more information, please visit our website:

<https://www.washingtongas.com/safety-education/safety/pipe-replacement-projects/md-stride>



Washington Gas – Interactive Project Activity Map



Construction Overview

Construction Method

- Project involves replacing associated services.

Construction Process

- Temporarily shut off gas during replacement of services.
- Inside meters will be moved outside.
- Relighting of gas appliances will be done after the service replacement is completed.

Restoration

- Private property and yards will be restored as close to their original state as possible.
- Road restoration will occur in sections as construction is completed.
- Temporary restoration (cold patch or hot mix).
- Permanent restoration.





Construction Overview





Energy Efficiency



- Maryland Residential Programs
- Maryland Commercial Programs
- Demand Response
- Income Qualified



Why Energy Efficiency Matters

Energy Efficiency Benefits for Bowie Residents and Businesses

Comfort, Savings & Community Support

- Washington Gas offers a wide portfolio of EmPOWER-funded efficiency programs for Maryland homes and businesses—**most residents and small businesses are eligible today.**
- These programs help customers **lower monthly energy costs, improve comfort, and reduce overall energy use** through rebates, assessments, and incentives.
- Much of this **support is low- or no-cost**, including free Home Energy Conservation Kits, assessments, and income-qualified upgrades.
- Washington Gas and the City of Bowie can partner to help **amplify access** by sharing the website, newsletters, and outreach events.





Residential Offerings

Rebates, Kits & Home Comfort

Key Benefits for Customers

- **High-Efficiency Heating:** Rebates up to **\$900** for qualifying ENERGY STAR® furnaces and boilers help residents cut energy costs while upgrading aging systems.
- **Water Heater Rebates:** Up to **\$450** for efficient models— one of the most popular customer rebate categories.
- **Home Energy Conservation Kits:** Residents can request a free kit with conservation tools like faucet aerators and insulation materials.
- **Home Energy Assessments:** Simple, no-cost walkthroughs that identify energy savings opportunities and provide an energy profile.
- **Fireplace Tune-Ups & Clothes Dryer Rebates:** Additional targeted incentives that improve comfort and efficiency.



Many homes in Bowie's older subdivisions (built in 1960s – 1980s) often contain aging gas equipment – making them prime candidates for rebates and tune-ups.



Commercial Offerings

Local Business & City Facility Opportunities

Key Program Areas

- **Prescriptive Rebates for Existing and New Buildings:** Incentives for boilers, commercial water heating, space heating, and food-service equipment.
- Program covers **retrofits, major renovations, and new construction**, with the same rebate levels across both categories.
- All projects require pre-approval, ensuring City facilities and local businesses **lock in their incentives early in planning**.
- Participating Service Providers: Bowie businesses can use our **“Find a Contractor”** tool to access licensed EmPOWER contractors and streamline applications.



Bowie’s vibrant small business corridor—Route 197, Bowie Town Center, Old Town Bowie—includes restaurants, offices, and service businesses that are strong candidates for rebates on HVAC, water heating, and commercial kitchen equipment.



Demand Response & Income-Qualified Programs

Savings for Every Household

Smart Energy Rewards

- Residents with qualifying Wi-Fi thermostats can enroll in Smart Energy Rewards and earn a \$20 gift card, plus annual \$10 incentives for ongoing participation.
- Helps **reduce peak demand** while maintaining comfort; participation is optional and event-based.

Income-Qualified Programs

- Maryland DHCD administers income-qualified programs statewide, offering **no-cost energy efficiency upgrades for eligible households**. These can include weatherization, equipment replacement, and other whole-home improvements.
- Washington Gas **supports and promotes DHCD's offerings** to ensure Bowie residents who qualify are aware of and can access these free services.
- DHCD's income-qualified offerings work alongside EmPOWER utility programs, ensuring that all households—especially low- and moderate-income residents—**can benefit from comfort, safety, and lower bills**.





How to Reach Us



- Community Outreach
- Operations
- Construction
- Permits & Paving
- Energy Efficiency



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Thank You



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Robert Liberati, Deputy Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Request for Approval - New Speed Camera Locations

DATE: 04/02/2026

The City of Bowie Police Department is requesting approval to add speed cameras to new locations which have been identified as having problems with speeding and related negligent driving. The Maryland Transportation Article 21-809 and City Code §14-17B, permit the use of speed cameras in both school zones (operational M-F 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM) and residential zones (operational 24-7). The City currently has 12 cameras which are rotated between 41 current locations. These locations are advertised using various media and are listed on the City's website.

Below are additional locations assembled from City Council members, community complaints, Public Works, and Police Department personnel, which will benefit from automated enforcement. These locations have been evaluated by the police department as possible sites for future automated enforcement, in keeping with the City's Safe Speed programs.

Proposed New Speed Camera Locations:

- 3400 Block of Mitchellville Road - residential zone (operational 24-7) – Approved by PGC
- 2800, 2900, 3000, and 3100 Blocks of Stonybrook Drive - residential zone (operational 24-7)
- 3100 and 3200 Block of Superior Lane - residential zone (operational 24-7)
- 3400 and 3500 Blocks of Moylan Drive - residential zone (operational 24-7)
- 300, 600, 700, and 900 Blocks of Jennings Mill Drive - residential zone (operational 24-7)

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

ATTACHMENTS: None



Memorandum

TO: City Council

FROM: Daniel Mears, Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: Discussion of items to consider for County funding support

DATE: 04/02/2026

On Tuesday March 10, 2026, City staff was contacted by District 4 County Council Member Tim Adams' office for ideas on needs within the City of Bowie that could benefit from Prince Georges County budget support. While the inquiry sought to have a list of priorities by March 12, it has been requested to have a broader discussion among the members of the City Council. City staff has communicated potential areas of County financial support with Economic Development, Regional Recreation, and Environmental Remediation. This item is added to the agenda to facilitate the open discussion among the City Council for their priorities for Council Member Adams' requests for budget support.

ATTACHMENTS: None