



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Wednesday, May 27, 2020 virtually. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Boafu, Esteve, Gardner, Harrison, Ndebumadu and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Ordinance O-3-20 Amending Bowie City Code Chapter 11, "Health and Sanitation", to Renumber Section 11-5, "Penalties" as Section 11-7 and to Enact Section 11-5, "Public Health Officer" and Section 11-6, "Access to Healthcare Resources" – Mayor Adams stated that this position is in consideration of working with the County to help with any health emergencies/pandemics that arise that are widespread and this is modeled after a similar position that the City of Laurel has, although their Health Officer is a volunteered position.

Councilmember Harrison stated that this is a position that the City does not need since this is a service we already pay taxes for through the County.

Councilmember Esteve also stated that this position will help the City's Code Enforcement department on issues dealing with group housing and assisted living homes.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-3-20 Amending Bowie City Code Chapter 11, "Health and Sanitation", to Renumber Section 11-5, "Penalties" as Section 11-7 and to Enact Section 11-5, "Public Health Officer" and Section 11-6, "Access to Healthcare Resources". Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2 (Gardner, Harrison).

B. FY2021 Budget Ordinance O-2-20 and Capital Improvements Program Resolution R-24-20 – Finance Director, Byron Matthews summarized the FY 2021 Budget and Capital Improvements Program. Adjustments to the proposed general fund and capital improvements program budgets were made in relation to COVID-19 and at the request of Council during the budget worksessions. Those changes changed the GF Budget from \$66,337,000 to \$66,398,000 and the CPF Budget from \$5,094,400 to \$5,101,400.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo made a motion that an objective be added under Communications to create a digital strategic communication plan to improve digital promotion. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

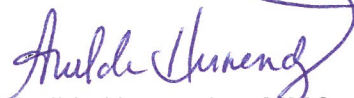
Councilmember Esteve made a motion to include in the FY21 Budget funding for the Arts & Heritage Festival for Old Town Bowie in the amount of \$30,000. Mayor Pro Tem Boafo second the motion. Motion passed 6-1 (Woolfley abstained).

Councilmember Esteve made a motion to adopt FY21 Budget with amendments discussed this evening. Mayor Pro Tem Boafo seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-2 (Gardner, Harrison).

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo moved to adjourn the Special City Council meeting. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk