



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, August 2, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Councilmember Esteve called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Councilmember Esteve led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Boafu, Esteve, Gardner (logged on 8:27 p.m.), Harrison, Ndebumadu (logged on 8:35 p.m.) and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Patrice Murray, Jerimiah Ln – Spoke in favor of Bowie remaining in one County councilmanic district.

Four additional comments were received via email. Those comments have been attached for the record.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award Presentation – The 2021 Malcolm "Skip" Popp Award was presented to Ms. Alexandra Calloway for her outstanding service rendered to Cub Scouting and Girl Scouting, particularly Cub Scout Pack 403, BSA Girl Troop 403G, and Girl Scout Troop 2713.

B. Proclamation P-18-21 was presented to Bryce Montgomery recognizing his inspirational hockey accomplishments, being selected in the 6th round of the NHL Draft by the Carolina Hurricanes.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Harrison recognized and commended Senator Douglas J.J. Peters for his hard work, dedication, and commitment to the City of Bowie, Prince George's County, and the State of Maryland. He retired from the Senate on July 30, 2021 as he was appointed by Governor Hogan to the University of Maryland's Board of Regents.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported on three items: City staff is focused on managing the reopening of the City buildings while keeping everyone safe, continuing to support the conduct of the audit of the City's financial affairs, and working to have all City staff be vaccinated (currently 83% are fully vaccinated.)

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of July 12, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of July 14, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes; C) Adoption of Proclamation P-17-21 Recognizing the 31st Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act; D) Adoption of Resolution R-51-21 Approving Variance Application BV-1-21, a Request by Elizabeth Silva for a Variance to Validate (After the Fact) Construction of a Ten-Foot Wide Driveway Widening in Front of the House at 12412 Skylark Lane; and E) Adoption of Resolution R-52-21 Contract Renewal for Street Resurfacing. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Ordinance O-3-21 Amending City Code Chapter 10 "Garbage, Trash and Refuse", Section 10-2, "Littering Prohibited; Refuse from Excavations and Construction Work," To Add Landscaping as a Source of Impermissible Debris; Section 10-3, "Collection and Disposal of Refuse", To Alter the Acceptable Size of Refuse Collection Bins, To Clarify the Manner in Which Receptacles Must be Placed for Collection, and To Define Refuse and Household Trash Including the Incorporation of Requirements Relating to Bulk Trash Collection, for Purposes of That Section; Amending Section 10-4, "Requirements Relating to Refuse Collection Receptacles for Standard City Service", To Alter the Locations in Which Refuse Collection Bins May Be Stored; Section 10-6, "Supplemental Collections and Limitations Thereon", To Amend the Description of Acceptable Recyclable Materials, To Require the Use of City-Provided Recycling Containers; and Section 10-11, "Notice To Remove Accumulation of Litter", To Clarify the Meaning of the Term "Litter"; and To Make Certain Additional Amendments to the Foregoing Sections for Clarity – Jamie Braun, Code Compliance Supervisor, gave the staff report stating that amendments were made to the previously introduced version of this ordinance based on Council comments and concerns.

Councilmember Harrison asked about the cost of purchasing trash receptacles for residents. Ms. Braun responded that the cost would be approximately \$874,000.

Councilmember Woolfley inquired about when the ordinance would become effective, and stated he had a concern regarding the requirement for the legal notice since the Bowie Blade is no longer a published printed paper. City Attorney Levan stated that she is currently working on an ordinance that will provide direction for required legal notices. She stated that publishing the legal notice online would be sufficient. City Attorney Levan also stated that an ordinance must be adopted within 60 days of its introduction.

Councilmember Woolfley had questions regarding the items not allowed to be picked up. Ms. Braun stated that these items are not accepted at the County landfill so the City is unable to collect them. Councilmember Woolfley was concerned that items that are not able to be collected will end up somewhere within the City and will be counterproductive and unsightly. Councilmember Woolfley and Mayor Adams asked if the City can provide insights to residents on how to deal with those items. Suggestions were the Anne Arundel County landfill and/or reaching out to companies who collect those items. Information can be provided to residents. A discussion will be had with Public Works to see if a

special pickup day can be held periodically for those items, or if there is another alternative. It was stated that bulk items will still be collected as usual.

Councilmember Woolfley also inquired on the specified 32-gallon size of the contractor bags which would be accepted for waste building materials collection as he had done some research and found many sizes available at stores except that one. It was stated that the 32-gallon size was suggested by the former Public Works Director as that is the size of the standard trash can. Councilmember Woolfley requested that the 32-gallon size is removed from the ordinance so that it reads "Waste building materials to be collected with household trash must be placed in contractor bags or trash receptacles, each of which must weigh less than 50 lbs."

Councilmember Esteve asked for an overview of the changes that would be put into place by this ordinance. Ms. Braun stated that trash cans must be used, that the trash can no longer be put out just in trash bags, and that condos and townhouses can store their trash cans in front of or on the side of their residences if they are screened from view.

Council requested that notifications would be sent out first to residents, instead of fining them the first time. City Manager Lott stated that the City Communications Department will spread the message to residents in many different ways to make sure they are well informed of this change. The ordinance would take effect on November 1st. Councilmember Harrison asked if people will be fined on November 1st. Staff responded that courtesy notices will be left and that the trash will still be picked up.

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-3-21 with one exception in Section 5, striking the words 32 gallon from Section F, first sentence. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. The motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Transportation Priority Lists – Joe Meinert, Planning Director, summarized the staff report and reviewed the City's list of priorities. Mr. Meinert stated that he will prepare new letters to send to the County and the State with Council's recommendations. The City's highest transportation priorities are MD 197 (#6 on County list), MD 450 (#8 on County list), and Church Road (all funding remains in the "Beyond 6 Years" category of County CIP). In regard to the State Transportation Projects (Consolidated Transportation Program), MD 450 and MD 197 are Design and Engineering Projects, and MD 3, US 301/MD 197 interchange, and US Route 301 South Corridor Transportation Study are all in the Project Planning Phase. MD 450 is 95% engineered, but all other projects are on hold due to lack of funding. Project planning has been completed for most.

Councilmember Woolfley asked what the landscaping of MD 197 would entail. Mr. Meinert responded that it would beautify the area and provide a measure of traffic calming. The median would reinforce the slowing of traffic. Mr. Meinert stated that a cost estimate was not done. He also stated there are funding difficulties with many of the projects, and it would be a good idea to focus on some of the more attainable items in the letter in an effort to move some of the projects along.

Councilmember Woolfley asked about the widening and interchange plan of MD 450 to MD 3. It was stated that the project would require land acquisition. Councilmember Woolfley asked since it is a quiet period with the property at that intersection, if they could advance the cause of the state acquiring the property for the future interchange project. Mr. Meinert mentioned that this has been done before on the US 301 corridor, and that a letter could be written about this, however, to keep in mind that there is a funding shortage.

Councilmember Woolfley asked about the Pope's Creek subdivision and the decommissioning of the generating facilities. He asked about advancing the idea of a rails to trails project for that right of way. Mr. Meinert stated that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission will address that in their Bowie Master Plan, and that the rails to trails idea could be placed in all three letters that will be sent.

Public Hearing:

Since there were no speakers signed up to speak, Councilmember Esteve declared the Public Hearing to have been held. One comment was received via email and is attached for the record.

Councilmember Esteve asked questions based on comments received in a letter via email. Information was provided by Mr. Meinert on the following: MD 197 corridor, MD 564 in Old Bowie (reducing speeds and new signage), the Racetrack Road construction, and the pedestrian bridge over MD 214. It was requested by Council that staff make available to residents the report that was completed on the MD 214 pedestrian overpass.

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve with the consideration of comments they had with such matters as 197 North, acquisition for interchange at MD 450 and MD 3, Rails to Trails, Old Bowie Vision, and the pedestrian bridge. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0 (Councilmember Ndebumadu did not vote.)

B. Staff Recommendation on the Pilot Workforce Training Request for Proposal – Daniel Mears, Assistant City Manager gave the staff report, and stated that 10 proposals were received. After review, it was determined that the three top proposals were from ASM Educational Center, Coursera, and Carasoft Technology Corporation. Before making a full recommendation, staff requested Council's direction before proceeding further in order to meet the goals of the Request for Proposal. Assistant City Manager Mears stated that the firms did not provide answers, as requested in the Request for Proposal, for how they'll address certain issues: no list or reference to "experience of staff proposed to be assigned to the project"; no statement of methods/plans for "Public Outreach/Direct Marketing Program to Recruit and Retain Trainees"; no statement on how they plan to "Identify the skill gaps in the labor market where City of Bowie and regional employers need employees"; and no proposal/plan describing methods to "Connect successfully trained residents with City and regional employers needing the newly skilled workers."

Councilmember Ndebumadu stated that she was abstaining from commenting on Carasoft's proposal as Carasoft is associated with her employer, Microsoft. Councilmember Ndebumadu stated that only Coursera answered questions 2, 3, and 4 of the Request for Proposal. She also discussed the partnership with staff to mobilize implementation. Councilmember Ndebumadu also commented that ASM Educational Center's proposal seemed to emphasize quantum computing, and that not everyone may be interested in learning that skill, that residents may have other interests.

Councilmember Gardner stated that he appreciates Councilmember Ndebumadu's concern to assist residents, and that this project would strengthen the community and workforce. He stated that he supports the project overall, not one specific company.

Councilmember Woolfley abstained from the conversation and from voting due to a potential conflict of interest.

Council directed staff to follow up with the top three firms who submitted proposals to find out how they will address the issues that they did not originally provide answers for.

C. Discussion on State Attorney's Office "Stop the Violence" Campaign Event at Allen Pond Park – Councilmember Harrison briefed Council on the "Our Streets, Our Future" community fun day event that is being planned in partnership with the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office to stand against violence and take a proactive approach as well as reinforce Bowie's community policing efforts. She asked for Council's support for this event.

Councilmember Harrison made a motion for the City to partner with the Prince George's County State's Attorney's Office to cohost this event on August 26th with the City providing use of the Allen Pond Park amphitheater, tables, chairs, assistance with set up, and \$3,000 for food and a DJ. There is also the understanding that the event details may change, or that the event may be cancelled due to COVID-19 restrictions, however the budget will not increase. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0 (Mayor Adams and Councilmember Ndebumadu did not vote.)

D. Adoption of Resolution R-53-21 Granting the Prince George's County Memorial Library System Foundation Funding for Additional Laptops for the Bowie and South Bowie Libraries – Mayor Pro Tem Bofo introduced Resolution R-53-21 and asked Shelley O'Brien from the Prince George's County Memorial Library System Foundation (PGCMLS) to present. Ms. O'Brien stated that the PGCMLS was requesting \$75,000 to bring an additional 100 to 125 Chromebooks with two years of internet access to the Bowie and South Bowie libraries. They have found that people need additional access to computers and internet at times when the library is not open, so they started an Online2Go program which currently has 250 Chromebooks with Verizon internet in circulation and is free for patrons. They plan to expand this program to all 19 branches.

Councilmember Harrison asked for further data on Bowie computer needs. Ms. O'Brien responded that the FCC estimates there are 3,000 people without broadband internet access. She also mentioned that they have applied for funding through multiple avenues, and that part of the money they recently received from the Pull Up Fund will provide 850 laptops with internet for this program.

Councilmember Woolfley said he is not sure this is a proven need in Bowie and that some people use their phones to access the internet. Ms. O'Brien responded that they would look at the take-up rates and will look into adding more computers if they are needed. She stated they do keep track of computer usage and mentioned that library hours during which to use the computers on-site are limited.

Councilmember Gardner stated that he cannot see using taxpayer money to fund this.

Mayor Pro Tem Bofo stated that when touring schools prior to COVID-19, principals were saying that their students did not have access to computers and the internet which is why he added this request to the agenda.

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to table the item to the September 7th City Council Meeting to obtain additional data and for further discussion. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0. (Mayor Adams did not vote.)

E. Discussion on Prince George's County Council Redistricting Committee proposal to transfer some Bowie residents from District 4 to District 6. The impacted areas are residents of Collington Station, The Manors at Collington Station and Hamptons at Woodmore – Councilmember Ndebumadu requested this item be added to the agenda as some of her residents would be moved from District 4 to District 6. Several years ago, this was brought up, but it did not pass. Councilmember Ndebumadu supports keeping all her residents in District 4 and would like Council to approve writing a letter to the County stating this.

Councilmember Gardner stated he has a concern about this and stated that it would be wise to have more representation on the County Council for Bowie, as they'd be more likely to get things done for Bowie. Bowie used to be represented by two districts in the past.

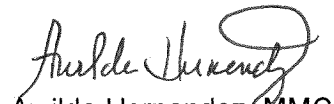
Mayor Pro Tem Boafo agreed with Councilmember Ndebumadu. He stated that from an electoral standpoint it doesn't make sense to have Bowie in two districts.

Councilmember Harrison made a motion to direct staff to draft a letter from Council to the Prince George's County Council requesting that the entirety of the City of Bowie remain in District 4. Mayor Pro Tem Boafo seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested. The motion passed 6-1 (Gardner).

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting and move to Close Session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, State Government Article §3-305(b)(7): "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice," and §3-305(b)(14): "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, *if* public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Awilda Hernandez

From: John Meszaros <jhnmszrs@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 29, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Please submit for comment in minutes of city council meeting of August 2nd 2021

Dear Ms. Hernandez,

Please see my comment that I would like to submit into the next city council meeting minutes below. Please let me know if I need to fill this out in some sort of standard form (or format).

Appreciate your assistance, thank you!
John Meszaros

Dear Bowie City Council,

I am a new resident in Bowie. I enjoyed receiving the Bowie Blade-News on a weekly basis. I was wondering what plans there are for a city newspaper (if any)? I would happily pay a small subscription to a local newspaper dedicated to local Bowie news. Perhaps the city would create a mailer of some kind to keep people informed based on subscriptions? Any information regarding this development would be helpful.

Thank you for receiving my comment.
Sincerely,
John Meszaros

Awilda Hernandez

From: Milly Hall <hallmilly@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 4:12 PM
To: Adrian Boafo; Ingrid Harrison; Henri Gardner; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu
Cc: Timothy Adams; Alfred Lott; Daniel Mears; Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Old Business - Adoption of Ordinance 0-3-21- August 2, 2021 Agenda

August 2, 2021

Dear Bowie City Council, Mayor Adams, City Manager and City Staff,

Our concern is that we all have to suffer and be punished because of a few bad apples. We have to constantly keep buying more trash cans because when they come to collect the trash currently they throw the cans to the point that they bust them up, break the handles and lose wheels in the process. If there are going to be alterations to the refuse collection bins, will the City plan to provide said bins to the residents? Why cant the few residents complicit for these occurrences be fined individually rather than changing the whole system to accommodate those not following the current rules in place?

Than you,

Milly Hall
14404 Dunstable Ct
Bowie, MD 20721

OLD BUSINESS

Adoption of Ordinance O-3-21

Amending City Code Chapter 10 "Garbage, Trash and Refuse", Section 10-2, "Littering Prohibited; Refuse from Excavations and Construction Work," To Add Landscaping as a Source of Impermissible Debris; Section 10-3, "Collection and Disposal of Refuse", To Alter the Acceptable Size of Refuse Collection Bins, To Clarify the Manner in Which Receptacles Must be Placed for Collection, and To Define Refuse and Household Trash Including the Incorporation of Requirements Relating to Bulk Trash Collection, for Purposes of That Section; Amending Section 10-4, "Requirements Relating to Refuse Collection Receptacles for Standard City Service", To Alter the Locations in Which Refuse Collection Bins May Be Stored; Section 10-6, "Supplemental Collections and Limitations Thereon", To Amend the Description of Acceptable Recyclable Materials, To Require the Use of City-Provided Recycling Containers; and Section 10-11, "Notice To Remove Accumulation of Litter", To Clarify the Meaning of the Term "Litter"; and To Make Certain Additional Amendments to the Foregoing Sections for Clarity – **Eligible for Action**

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Awilda Hernandez

From: My Name <carrieswb@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 4:44 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Citizens Participation

Good evening!!

I have lived in the city of Bowie since 1997 and have owned my home since 1999. I have purchased zero recycling bins because they were provided by the city. I have purchased more than 50 trash cans. I purchased three new trash cans in the last year. The cans are tossed and they break. If the city is going to demand we purchase trash cans, then they should provide the trash cans so they will be handled with care. Otherwise, we will just be subjected to purchasing more trash cans out of our household budget.

Sent from the all new AOL app for Android

DATE: Monday, August 2, 2021

TO: Roxy Ndebumadu, District 4 Councilmember
Ingrid Harrison, At-Large Councilmember

FR: Mrs. Terry Nuriddin
15201 Johnstone Lane
Bowie, MD 20721

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Bowie City Clerk's Office

RE: **Item E** - Discussion on Prince George's County Council Redistricting Committee proposal to transfer some Bowie residents from District 4 to District 6. The impacted areas are residents of Collington Station, The Manors at Collington Station and Hamptons at Woodmore; **XII. New Business**, August 2, 2021 Bowie City Agenda

Cc: Tim Adams, Mayor
Councilmember Mayor Pro Tem & District 3 Councilmember Adrian Boafu
Henri Gardner, At-Large Councilmember
Michael Esteve, District 1 Councilmember
Dufour Woolfley, District 2 Councilmember

Hi. This is Terry Nuriddin of Collington Station. I hope all is well for you and your family as well.

Thank you again for attending our virtual homeowners' association meeting on July 29th regarding the Prince George's County 2021 Redistricting Commission proposal to transfer Collington Station residents from District 4 to District 6.

Moreover, thank you for your support of our opposition to this Commission's proposal to separate my neighborhood from my Bowie neighbors. As residents of Collington Station, my family would like to remain in District 4 as it ensures our community of interests rest with those of our Bowie neighbors. We hope your colleagues can support this ideal also.

While we recognize the proposal is based on projections of Census data, we are concerned that trying to institute stringent deviations to population data to establish county districts demote the least change ideal and the preservation of residential community of interest. We hope due consideration can be given to the human factor by using reasonable and lawful deviations to fashion the apportionment as this honors the intent of the process in respect to the US Constitution.

My family ask for the Bowie City Council support to help us ensure that any proposal put forth by the Commission or considered by the County Council to become law in November 2021, keeps our neighborhood within Bowie and County District 4.

Thank you for your help.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Joshua Wooten <joshuawooten2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 2, 2021 6:55 PM
To: Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafo; Henri Gardner; Rosann Ndebumadu; Ingrid Harrison; Dufour Woolfley; Michael Esteve; cityclerk
Cc: Ashleigh Diaz; michellenbalfe; Joe Meinert
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Testimony regarding City of Bowie's Transportation Priorities
Attachments: MAPS Transportation_Priorities_Letter_2021.docx

Good evening all,

Please find attached testimony from the Bowie Green Team's MAPS subgroup regarding the City of Bowie's Transportation Priorities list.

To the City Council, thank you in advance for consideration of our comments. Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments. Thank you

Joshua Wooten
Chair, Multimodal Access and Public Spaces (MAPS); subgroup of the Bowie Green Team

MAPS Comments on City of Bowie Transportation Priorities

August 2, 2021

While infrastructure improvements often move slowly, if at all, they still need advocacy, especially from the citizens. There are several items on the City transportation priorities list that we wish to highlight and comment on for your consideration. These comments focus on multi-modal related priorities. Transportation is more than just moving cars, its moving people.

The MD197 upgrade process has been long. It is apparent that the design has been, or is being, revised. While the SHA has not shared the details with the public, we are concerned about the loss of the trail on the east side. There is talk of MD197 having wide curb lanes to accommodate bicycles. It is not clear if this is in addition to a trail. The trail must be preserved and enhanced. It is used by pedestrians as well as those who bicycle. Wide curb lanes are not a substitute. It would be helpful if the City's priorities for MD197 made clear that the multi-modal trail feature must be retained.

Similarly, the upgrade to MD450 from Stonybrook Drive to Route 3 also has a trail with a missing connection past Hilltop Shopping Center to Race Track Road and Whitemarsh Park. The City should advocate that the trail be preserved and enhanced. This is in line with the Complete Streets and Main Street improvements that are much needed and we fully support.

The pedestrian safety improvements on Race Track Rd from MD450 to Clearfield Drive have been stalled due to COVID. These are important and long overdue safety improvements. Hilltop Shopping Center is a destination for people who walk and bicycle in the community. The conditions are safe for neither. The City needs to make sure this is on the list.

While on the topic of pedestrian safety, there are deficiencies in Old Bowie, especially in the vicinity of MD564. Crossing the street at the crosswalk near the post office continues to be dangerous. Even though the crosswalk is well marked, line of sight is limited for cars traveling south from the bridge and cars traveling north from Maple Avenue tend to pick up speed and only occasionally stop for pedestrians entering the crosswalk. Nearby community uses underscore the safety concerns at the intersection, including bus stops, a post office, Town Green Park and Huntington Community Center. The County has a Vision Zero program for multi-modal Enhancements on state-maintained roads. The City's transportation priority list should ask that Old Bowie be part of that program. Additionally, the City should follow up on this request to ensure that traffic calming measures are eventually implemented at this location (e.g. rumble strips). The need for safety improvements will only increase as businesses reopen and revitalization efforts bring more activity to Old Town Bowie.

We support the Heritage trail that will one day connect Old Bowie to Bowie State University and the MARC station. This is a missing link that the Bowie Trails Master Plan has identified as a necessary alternative to driving.

The WB&A bridge over the Patuxent River is long overdue. It was supposed to have started construction in FY21 and be completed in FY21. Yet work has yet to begin. Therefore, this project still needs to remain on the list. This is an important connection for pedestrians and bicyclists that will one day travel the East Coast Greenway Trail.

The need for a bridge over MD214 to connect Bowie with the developing South Lake development needs to be in the list. A recent study conducted by the City in conjunction with County and regional jurisdictions recommended a bridge crossing that will connect north-south trails proposed by Bowie and County trail plans.

Lastly, we realize the City needs to produce and provide a list of transportation priorities to the County and State because there are County and State-owned roads within the City and the City is reliant on the County and State for maintenance of these roads. As we're all aware, transportation and safety improvements on these roads typically take a lot of time to implement due to bureaucracy and priority funding as compared to City roads which don't have these dependencies. From a multi-modal transportation and pedestrian safety perspective, we believe it would be in the City's best interest to advocate and work towards gaining ownership of County and State-owned roads within the City. This would result in the City being able to respond to transportation and safety issues on these roads in a quicker, more efficient, and dependable manner than what currently occurs and it would better serve the citizens of Bowie. Also, the City would no longer be dependent on prioritizing its transportation projects for these roads and then competing with other jurisdictions for its projects' placement at the top of the County and State's transportation project funding list.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Bowie Green Team's Multi-Modal Access and Public Spaces (MAPS) Subgroup

Reference Figures



Figure 1: Lanham Severn Road - Looking West



Figure 2: Lanham Severn Road - Looking East

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

This form has two sides. *Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.*

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 8-2-21; Time: 10:41; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Wolfey Seconded by Harrison;
Members in favor: All AYE; Opposed: _____;
Abstaining: _____; Absent: _____.

2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(1)___ "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2)___ "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3)___ "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4)___ "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5)___ "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6)___ "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7) ☒ "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8)___ "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9)___ "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10)___ "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11)___ "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12)___ "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13)___ "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14) ☒ "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." (15)___ "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) (7)	Consult with Legal Counsel	Pending legal fees Settlement of Opioid
§3-305(b) (14)	Contract Negotiation	Econ. Dev. Agreement terms
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4. This statement is made by Jonathan J. AKS, Presiding Officer.

WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)

- For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:

Time of closed session: _____

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): (7) Consult with legal counsel (14) Contract Negotiations

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Adams Gardner Harrison Estevé Woolfley Deafo Ndeburadu

Persons attending closed session: Adams Gardner Harrison Estevé Woolfley Deafo Ndeburadu King Holt Haven Meers

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

Topics actually discussed: Econ Dev Contract Terms, Recoup Litigation Fees, Opioid Settlement

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____