



City of Bowie

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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, September 20, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:01 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 Bofo, Esteve, Gardner (logged in at 8:04p.m.), Harrison, Ndebumadu, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

City Clerk Hernandez stated that 20 comments were received via email and they will be included as part of the record. (Comments attached)

1. Frank Shock, Penn Manor Ln – Spoke in regard to the increasing speed of cars in the Pointer Ridge neighborhood as well as rental housing requirements by the City.
2. Carrie Bridges, Hoven Ln – Spoke in regard to why the City gym is the only recreational facility in the City that requires membership be only for City residents.
3. Lisa Couture, Connor Dr. - Commented to keep ice arena in the City.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Jessica Fucille, a member of the City's Diversity committee read an excerpt on National Hispanic and Latino Heritage Month.
- B. Shelemiah Griffiths-Johnson, Chair of the Bowie Youth Council, briefed Council on some of the activities the group participated in since they got sworn-in in July.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to appoint Ms. Tiera Spencer to the Environmental Advisory Committee and the Green Team Executive Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu – did not vote). Mayor Adams swore in Ms. Spencer to the committees.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Esteve thanked everyone that helped with the Old Bowie Festival on Saturday, September 18. They had a great turn out and look forward to continuing the festival yearly.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported that Chief Nesky will be acting on behalf of Mr. Lott and Mr. Mears at the October 4 Council meeting.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of September 7, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; B) Adoption of Proclamation P-21-21 Proclaiming October 4, 2021 as BMAC Kappa Alpha Psi Day in the City of Bowie; C) Adoption of Resolution R-57-21 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Gant Brunnett Architects, Inc. for Task Order/RFP#7-07 in Accordance with the Master Contract Approved on October 31, 2018; D) Adoption of Resolution R-58-21 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to A. Morton Thomas & Associates, Inc. for Task Order/RFP#3-10 in Accordance with the Mater Contract Approved on October 31, 2018; E) Introduction of Ordinance O-5-21 Amending Bowie City Code Chapter 2, "Administration", Article II, "Personnel System", Division 7, "Benefits – Leave, Insurance, Retirement, etc.", Section 2-55, "Holidays" to Add Juneteenth National Independence Day to the List of Holidays for City Employees. Councilmember Harrison second the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Bowie Ice Arena – City Manager Lott summarized the staff report. Council will be determining on how to proceed with ice recreation in the City. There are several factors that have to be considered in the evaluation. Does the City continue with the two-sheet ice facility at Church Road, or in another location within the City, or build a one-sheet ice arena in the current location of the existing ice arena or other potential locations within the City like Glen Allen Park, or the property adjoining the golf course. There is also the no build option or working in a partnership opportunity with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. All recommendations have a different financial consideration and staff is prepared to follow whatever direction Council approves this evening.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo stated that he believes Council needs to come out of this evenings meeting with a final decision on how to proceed.

Councilmember Harrison asked City Manager Lott how much the architectural studies will cost for both Church Road and the golf course property. City Manager Lott responded it would probably be about \$50,000 per study. Councilmember Harrison then asked if he knew how much the demolition of the existing ice arena will be. City Manager Lott responded that that has not been addressed at this time, but he could get staff to look into it and provide a cost.

Councilmember Gardner commented that he wants the most affordable solution that will address everyone's needs. He suggests building a new ice facility on the golf course property and once that is completed then demolish the existing ice arena in Allen Pond Park and proceed to build courts on that site. He also stated that maybe staff can look into using the Church Road property to build another solar array that way it will not increase traffic in the area.

Councilmember Esteve stated that unfortunately the City has limited financial resources. At one point they considered doing it all, ice and courts but it is simply not feasible. He is supporting one ice sheet rink at this time to replace the deteriorating facility that currently exists.

Councilmember Woolfley asked if staff has the ability to ascertain the cost differential between the Church Road location with its current form which is partially developed in terms of the stormwater management and remaining infrastructure as compared to the golf course location. City Manager Lott responded studies would need to be done, if we go with one sheet on Church Road there might be a possibility of meeting the stormwater mitigation issues on the Church Road property. Councilmember Woolfley commented that he is prepared to move forward with one sheet of ice but would like the studies done first to make sure we pick the right location.

Mayor Adams asked staff where the City is financially if they take this on at this moment and how will that place the City financially on our fund balance. Finance Director Matthews responded that the City is in good financial order, the City is able to pay their bills on time and there are no real outlining issues that will cause major problems to the City's financial structure. However, the Capital Projects Program is where the issue can arise, there has not been a tax increase to help mitigate some of the expenses in our CIP.

Councilmember Ndebumadu commented that they need to come up with new ways on how to make money to accommodate all recreational facilities in the City.

Mayor Pro Tem Bofo made a motion to direct city staff to initiate the architectural design phase for a single sheet of ice at the golf course location with a design that could potentially facilitate another sheet in the future. Additionally, he would like for city staff to provide Council with cost for a new facility housing courts on the site of the existing ice arena or golf course location. Councilmember Gardner second the motion. Motion passed via roll call vote 6-1 (Adams).

B. Adoption of Resolution R-54-21 Awarding a Contract for City of Bowie Branding Initiative – Communications Manager Cooper summarized the resolution. The RFP went out to 90 individuals representing 60 firms, eleven decided to submit proposals. Of those eleven, four companies are from Maryland and seven weren't. Staff evaluated the proposals received, staff considered the expertise and experience of each firm, and successful completion of similar branding projects. Trajectory Brands, Inc. of Toronto, Ontario, Canada was found to be the most responsive and responsible proposal received.

Councilmember Woolfley asked if the company will be using local offices for this or are they located only in Canada. Ms. Cooper responded that several of their staff members have dual citizenship so they will travel here but a lot can be done virtually.

Councilmember Ndebumdu thanked Ms. Cooper and staff for taking these next steps to make the City even better than it is.

Councilmember Harrison made a motion to adopt Resolution R-54-21. Mayor Pro Tem Bofo second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Adoption of Ordinance O-4-21 Amending Bowie City Code Chapter 19A, "Procurement Procedures", Article I, "Procurements Generally", Section 19A-1, "Purposes", Section 19A-4, "Competitive Bidding", and Section 19A-6 "Open Market Procedures", to Delete Requirements Relating to Newspaper Publication of Notices Relating to Procurements – City Counsel Levan summarized the Ordinance. The City's procurement policies required updating to address issues when it comes to advertising procurements. This summer the Bowie Blade Newspaper discontinued distributing a newspaper to residents of the City of Bowie and went to an online communication model. Ordinance O-4-21 is intended to remove an out of date requirement and put in place steps to ensure the City of

Bowie continues to communicate to the Bowie community. The City's website, which is already used, social media, and electronic newspapers are all options to have a broad reach to the community and will be used as appropriate for City communications with its residents.

Councilmember Harrison asked if this will also address residents that do not have internet connectivity. Communications Manager Cooper commented that her department will be printing copies of the Spotlight and placing them at the Senior Center and the local libraries.

Public Hearing:

Since there were no comments submitted and no one signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the Public Hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Harrison made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-4-21. Mayor Pro Tem Boafu second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Preliminary Master Plan for Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity – City Planning Director, Joe Meinert, summarized the staff report. The Bowie Advisory Planning Board conducted a public hearing on September 14th and voted to support the staff recommendation. Tonight, Council will hold its public hearing and provide direction to staff on their recommendations. Because staff finds many of the recommendations contained in the Preliminary Master Plan are consistent with City Council policies, staff recommends that Council SUPPORT the proposed update to the 2006 Bowie and Vicinity Area Master Plan, along with the input and recommendations noted in staff's report (On file in City Clerk's Office). The County's public hearing will be held Monday, October 4 virtually at 5:00 p.m.

Public Hearing:

City Clerk Hernandez stated that one comment was received via email and it will be included as part of the record. (Comment attached)

1. John Teasdale, Midwood Ln – Spoke in support of staff's report.

Since there were no more speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Esteve commented that there will be no support for development on the Jesuit Property and is in support of recommending a walkable connectivity over Rt. 301.

Councilmember Woolfley does not see the benefit of including Kenhill neighborhood to the Bowie Town Center area and is against it.

Council thanked Joe Meinert and staff for the report and appreciate comments on the future vision of town centers.

Councilmember Esteve made a motion to have staff prepare a response with the recommendations and changes discussed. Mayor Pro Tem Boafu second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo 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 Gardner second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote). The meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez", written in a cursive style.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Awilda Hernandez

From: Luis Gregory <luisgregory58@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, September 9, 2021 5:19 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL};

In regards to the ice rink project, I believe land already owned by the city is the only logical choice unless you want to tack on the cost of buying more land and new infrastructure like water and sewer plus electric etc... The current ice rink will need to be razed anyway so suggesting that it would be additional to the 12 million won't be accurate in case some try to make that case. We can buy land in an alternate location, run water sewer etc but it won't make financial sense. The old rink will still need to be demolished where there's already all utilities in place. In the meantime we'll be starting from scratch somewhere else. I'm not sure if there's just a mindset not to build at allens pond but it will obviously be brought up as wasted funds. Please consider using the current location.

Awilda Hernandez

From: John Ratcliffe <jmratcliffe@comcast.net>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 1:05 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: THE BOWIE ICE ARENA IS CELEBRATING IT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SKATING! PLEASE DO NOT LET IT BE THE LAST YEAR OF SKATING IN BOWIE!

September 20, 2021

Good Evening Bowie City Council,

It has been my privilege to watch my daughter skate at the Bowie Ice Arena for these last 16 years. She has skated here with Teams (Synchronized and Production), Individually, Competitions, Summer Camps, and now she is starting to coach the next generation of figure and hockey skaters at the Rink that has brought her so much over the years. **BUT WILL THE NEXT GENERATION BE ABLE TO SKATE IN BOWIE FOR YEARS TO COME AS MY DAUGHTER HAS DONE?**

If the Bowie City Council is truly committed to support ice skating in Bowie, something needs to be **NOW!** A decision needs to be made to either FULLY REPAIR THE OLD BOWIE ICE ARENA or CONSTRUCT A NEW ICE ARENA. If one of these two choices is NOT approved, then there will be no more skating in Bowie.

Thank you for being truly committed to ice skating in Bowie!

Sincerely,

Marian Ratcliffe
Bowie Resident-District 2

THE BOWIE ICE ARENA IS CELEBRATING IT'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF SKATING!

PLEASE DO NOT LET IT BE THE LAST YEAR OF SKATING IN BOWIE!

Top 20 Places to Take Kids in and around the DC Metro Area

9. Bowie Ice Arena



The City of Bowie Ice Arena is a year round ice skating facility. When it first opened in 1971 it was only a seasonal facility, but today the Ice Arena is open for skating July through April each year. The 2021-22 skating season marks the start of the 50th season of skating at the City of Bowie Ice Arena.

The facility offers ice skating for all ages and levels. Discounts are available for City of Bowie residents as well as groups and families.

The Bowie Ice Arena is home to the Bowie Figure Skating Club, Bowie Hockey Club, Bowie High School Ice Dogs and the Bowie ISI Figure Skating Team.

Bowie Living

(September 8, 2021)

-Takeaways from Monday's city council meeting about the future of ice facilities in Bowie:

- After the presentation, District 2 Councilmember Dufour Woolfley said, "It's clear to me that it makes no sense to repair the existing building. I think it's clear that we need to replace it." None of the council members disagreed.

- Mayor Tim Adams said, "I don't believe that there is a single member of this city council who is not supporting ice." District 4 Councilmember Roxy Ndebumadu echoed his comment. None of the council members disagreed.

- District 1 Councilmember Michael Estève explored the possibility that leftover materials from the canceled ice arena project could be used for a future ice arena project. City staff indicated that there isn't much construction material remaining from the earlier project.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Bob Lively <rblively001@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 19, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafo; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; mdebunadu@cityofbowie.org
Cc: cityclerk; Bob Lively
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Ice Arena
Attachments: Letter to Council-Ice Arena-091921.docx

Mr. Mayor and Council Members.

Attached please find remarks I am submitting with respect to your consideration of options for the Bowie Ice Arena on Monday, September 20.

Should you have any questions or wish to follow-up, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,

Robert Lively
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I wish to address the issue of the Bowie Ice Arena. My name is Robert Lively. I am a 55 year resident of Bowie, and have served in various capacities as a volunteer in recreational activities. Of note as related to this topic, I am a founder and past-president of the Bowie Figure Skating Club, founder and past-president of the Capital Region Council of Figure Skating Clubs, and for 20 years served this council as a member of its advisory committee on Community Recreation (CRC). During that period I chaired the CRC sub-committee on allocation of all indoor/outdoor amenities within the city (included: City of Bowie Properties, MNCPPC properties and Board of Education properties). I also authored the 1996 City of Bowie 10-Year Recreation Master Plan.

Let me begin by stating that it is my opinion that any option for replacing the existing arena with either a downsized or combination model would be a mistake and would not serve the needs and interests of the user community, and would be a fiscal mistake. In following the months of council activity pertaining to the arena and seeing some of the narrative addressing the topic, it appears to me that there is prevailing ignorance among council members— meant, respectfully, to mean a lack of knowledge or understanding of the topic – of the user requirements for this facility and for the sports of skating in general. Allow me to explain.

Ice skating is not a one-dimensional activity. On one hand, it consists of an unstructured component which we know as recreational skating: an occasional outing on ice skates in free time during public sessions for pleasure and relaxation. On the other hand, there are the structured components of figure skating and ice hockey, both of which are competitive sports which require hours and hours of instruction, practice and the capability to compete. Each of these components require facilities and amenities to service their needs.

Downsizing the arena, which for years has lacked adequate ice time and amenities to properly serve club functions, would just further constrain the ability of those clubs to grow and expand programs. Instructional classes already are crowded, ice time is inadequate with undesirable hours and often must be shared between user groups, and competitions run long hours from early a.m. to late evening. Contracting ice time and amenities would serve no one!

In December, 2021, the Bowie Ice Arena will celebrate the 50th year of its opening. In those fifty years the city has expanded its outdoor recreational amenities by, among other things, building a Lighted soccer/softball complex at Allen Pond, adding seven soccer fields on Mitchellville Road, building a lighted baseball/softball complex at Blacksox Park, a football complex on Church Road, and another baseball/softball complex on Rt 197. Artificial turf was added to a soccer field at Allen Pond and the football field at Whitemarsh Park. The inventory of indoor gymnasiums, which included two MNCPPC community centers, Bowie High School, two junior highs and a few elementary schools, was expanded with the construction of our own multi-court gymnasium. I can't begin to tell you what the combined costs of those amenities might have been, but surely, it was substantial.

In all those fifty years of recreational expenditure, not one single ice cube has been added to the skating inventory!

To those of you who might feel that less expensive is the better option, I would ask that you not only look at the bigger picture of City recreational amenities, consider the disparity of funding, but also try to understand the needs and complexity of the skating community and the nature of their sports. You will do them no service what-so-ever by downsizing the ice arena or combining indoor/outdoor sports. Either one of these options potentially would not only impact existing programs, but inhibit desired growth and expansion. Adding ice surface will allow growth, growth will generate income.

On a final note, it should be understood that ice arenas typically are not just community amenities. Unlike neighborhood ballfields or gymnasiums, they exist few and far between, and thus attract a regional audience. This is a good thing, as drawing from a larger demographic allows programming to expand, which in turn opens opportunity for a broader offering in instruction, more opportunity for participation on competitive teams, and generation of income by virtue of tiered fees.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Respectfully,

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CREDENTIALS - Robert Lively:

- a. Founder, Past President, Bowie Figure Skating Club
- b. Founder, Past President, Capital Regional Council of Figure Skating Clubs (DMV region)
- c. Delegate, United States Figure Skating Association (USFSA)
- d. Chairman, USFSA 1983 Eastern Regional Figure Skating Competition*
- e. Member, City of Bowie Community Recreation Committee (CRC) - 20 years
- f. Chairman, CRC Allocations Sub-committee – 20 years
- g. Author, 1996 City of Bowie Recreation Master Plan
- h. Developed the concept plans for City of Bowie soccer, softball & baseball complexes.
- i. Chairman, City of Bowie Municipal Gymnasium Task Force. Developed the concept plan for the City multi-court complex.

* 1983 Easter Regional – a USFSA qualifying competition for USA 1983 national championships and 1984 Olympics. Held at the Mt. Vernon

Awilda Hernandez

From: Priscilla Verdun <pverdun@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Rosann Ndebumadu; Awilda Hernandez
Cc: hgardner@cityofbowie; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Ice arena

Good morning Council Members,

I am writing to support maintaining the Ice Arena in its current location. I do not see many possible advantages to putting the Ice Arena on Church Road.

I have lived in the Grovehurst community off Church Road since 1993 and would be very appreciative of having less development on Church Road. The rural nature of Church Road is a big part of the attraction of this area.

Thank you,

Priscilla Verdun

Grovehurst Homeowner

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: Melissa Richardson <ladymelissa@solace2you.org>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 12:35 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafo; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Regarding disapproval of any and all actions to locate an ice rink facility on Church Road in Bowie. MD

Dear City of Bowie Council:

As a resident of Bowie, I and my husband object to the construction of an ice rink on Church Rd. We moved to Bowie more than 25 years ago to avoid the type of congestion that exists in Montgomery, and Northern Virginia counties, and the District of Columbia. Those locales lifestyles are stressful due to the over zealous greed of developers pressuring city and county officials to approve projects that initially appear to offer good streams of revenue for operating the government. Such promises in the long-term prove to decrease the quality of life in and around the communities where the construction was approved. The I approvals have led to a woeful overcrowding of schools, and inadequate city and county social support (police, fire and social services). Decreased quality of life also shows up in such communities as congested and dangerous roadways, the increased presence of outsiders benefitting from the communities higher taxes and or fees to maintain those approved projects with minimum cost sharing from the non-resident users. There is also, the unwanted introduction of public transportation in the impacted communities that were designed to be more pastoral in nature. When this calmer setting is compromised, the communities become stressful places to live in such as what is common in overcrowded Montgomery and Northern Virginia counties, and DC.

We are requesting that you vote 'NO' on the resurrection of the ice rink project and all efforts to construct it on Church Road. As an alternative, modernize the rink off of Northview Drive in Bowie. That location is more than adequate to serve the citizens of Bowie.

If the County desires another professional use ice rink it should be located in a non-residential area within the County such as the Medford location. By the way, doesn't a professional National Hockey League rink exists off of Tucker Road in Fort Washington, MD? If so, why do we need another one in the County?

An established residential area such as the housing areas on Church Road should not be disturbed to place a rink that will significantly alter the quality of life that the residents are paying high dollars in ownership and property taxes to maintain the quality of life they desire. We, like our neighbors want our homes to stay as places of solace from the hustle and bustle of working and commuting in and around the DMV area. Do not disrupt this. Doing so will slowly, but surely lead to a migration of current residents out of Bowie and out of the State of Maryland.

Kindly,
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Awilda Hernandez

From: JoAnn Marshall-Hobbs <jhobbs@exclusys.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 2:27 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Adrian Boafo; Rosann Ndebumadu; Timothy Adams; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; mestev@cityofbowie.org; Dufour Woolfley
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Citizen Participation re Ice Rink on Church Road

Mayor Adams and Councilmembers,

It is my understanding that the Ice Rink is back on the agenda and a vote will be taken on September 20, 2021 during council's session. It is also my understanding that council is investigating a location for the ice rink and considering Church Road. On May 19, 2020 the City Council voted to stop construction and cancel the contract for the \$24 million dollar IcePlex Project and re-purpose the funding to completely renovate the existing Ice Arena and to support other recreational facilities in the City.

My concern is that council is not considering all of the needs of the entire Bowie community and is actually ignoring the continuous pleas for more courts. Questions had been presented to council regarding the status of the courts but there has been no announcement, updated or answer provided. The only information shared was that funding for the courts and ice plex is not included in the budget. Council has not provided any information on when the courts will be addressed.

A Council Member had stated that the Ice Plex has been a divisive issue for years in the City of Bowie and District 3. So why would council continue to promote a project in such a way that will further divide community. Council should address ALL issues and work to unite the community. Address the limitations of both the ice rink and courts simultaneously and with a fair and impartial solution.

Regards,

JoAnn Marshall-Hobbs
Bowie District 3

Stay Fit...Stay Healthy...Stay Strong...Stay Well

Awilda Hernandez

From: Bryce Blackford <bblackford2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafo; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu; Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}; KEEP ICE IN BOWIE

Please Keep Ice in Bowie.

The ice provides an opportunity for kids and families to learn a new sport, develop lasting friendships, and be involved in the community for years to come. Keep ice in Bowie so that our kids don't have to travel outside of Bowie to learn to skate!

KEEP ICE IN BOWIE.

Bowie Resident and Parent of a Bowie Hockey Player,
Bryce Blackford
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Bowie, MD 20715

Awilda Hernandez

From: Kim Derocher <kimderocher@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafo; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu; Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Please keep your commitment to KEEP ICE in Bowie!

Dear Mr. Mayor and Council Members,
My name is Kim Derocher and I live at 15902 Ark Court in Bowie.

I am a 40 year resident of the City, I grew up skating at the Bowie Ice Arena. I have 4 children ranging in age from 26-8. All of my children have also grown up at the Bowie Ice Arena. My 2 older girls both competitive Ice Skaters, have skated all over the country. Both have assisted teaching lessons at the rink. My oldest son has been a member of the Bowie Hockey Club for 12 years and is currently a senior in high school. My youngest son is 8 and has been a member of Bowie Hockey for 3 years. As you can imagine, we have spent many hours a week at the rink. We were so very excited when the former council voted to build our new 2 sheet ice rink.

I have reviewed the recommendations by staff and in my humble opinion the most cost effective way forward would be to resume construction of the Church Rd facility. All of the permits are in place, the design is complete and the foundation has been prepared. The city will benefit from a 2 sheet ice facility as it will cover it's operating expenses, unlike a single sheet which will continue to require additional annual funding.

PLEASE Keep your promise to our kids to KEEP ICE IN BOWIE and move forward with the 2 sheet facility on Church Road.

Thank you,
Kim Derocher

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Kim-Marie Derocher
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Fax 1-423-376-0164

Awilda Hernandez

From: Irfan Aziz <reachirfanaziz@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 2:54 PM
To: Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafo; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu; Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}; Please vote Yes to the rink

Hi,

Dear sir and madams,

I live on Dunhill Ct in Bowie and have been eagerly awaiting the construction of the new rink. Every day we drive past it on Church my family and I wonder when the construction would be completed. So, it comes as a shock to learn that this item is being voted on again tonight. In any event, I ask you to approve the plans to construct the rink.

Thank you for your attention.

With patience and hope,

Irfan and family.

Awilda Hernandez

From: Kelly Seaton <KSeaton@jaspersrestaurants.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Adrian Boafo; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu
Cc: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: (EXTERNAL): Ice

Good afternoon Honorable Mayor and City Council,

I am writing this email to urge you to keep ice in Bowie.

I have written several letters in the past, and just wanted to submit my final plea for ice to stay within the city limits.

Having been a resident of this wonderful city for over 20 years, I have seen many great stores and restaurants abandon our city, primarily at the Bowie Town Center, and setup shop in neighboring Anne Arundel County.

Losing an amenity that has served the community for 50 years would be crushing. The next closest ice rink is in Anne Arundel County, and quite frankly I am tired of spending my money there.

Please keep this wonderful facility in Bowie for future generations to enjoy.

Sincerely,
Kelly Seaton
Shawmont Lane

Awilda Hernandez

From: Andrea Christiansen <asachimovic@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:12 PM
To: Timothy Adams
Cc: Adrian Boafu; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu; Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Vote tonight on ice

Mr. Mayor and members of the City Council, Despite my disgust at the way the whole Ice Arena situation has been handled, I am going to attempt to keep this short and civil. As a member of the Bowie Ice Arena Task Force, I felt as though our assignment was superfluous, as all of the information you needed about what work needed to be done to the arena was already available to you, through the studies done in 2013 and 2017. I am a lifetime resident of Bowie and grew up figure skating at the Bowie Ice Arena, and I remember a new arena being a topic of council discussion when I was growing up in the 1980s and 90s. For members of this council to essentially invent numbers of how much "they believed" it would cost to renovate the ice rink is unconscionable to me. To waste MY TAXPAYER MONEY by cancelling the Ice Plex is unconscionable to me. Especially since the council is apparently so very concerned with fiscal responsibility. In the 2017 report, the amount of \$ reportedly needed to renovate the arena is in the same neighborhood of what the 292 Group recently reported to you. Surprise! Those numbers weren't made up. The facility is 50 years old, was built to last for 25, and as you had been told time and time again, in need of serious repairs. You chose to pretend that the Arena could be brought up to a "state-of-the-art facility" for an investment of a few million dollars. You are now left holding the bag, looking foolish, not only to the ice community, but to all of the good taxpayers in the City of Bowie. The new Ice Plex could be up and running, making money for the city.

I'm asking you, imploring you, begging you, to please make good on your promise to keep ice in Bowie. The Bowie community and surrounding communities have had the Arena as a public service for 50 years. Please, find a location to build a one sheet facility and do it. It's the least you can do after all of the promises made and promises broken.

Sincerely,

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Awilda Hernandez

From: President, Bowie Hockey Club <president@bowiehockey.org>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:21 PM
To: Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafo; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu; Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Ice Arena

Dear Mayor, Councilmembers and City Clerk,

My name is Lori Jones and I am the President of Bowie Hockey Club.

PLEASE KEEP your "commitment for ice in Bowie" by passing a motion TONIGHT to select a LOCATION (NOT the CURRENT ice rink site) and move forward QUICKLY to BUILD a NEW ice rink facility AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Many of our players and parents want to attend the Council meeting tonight but our season has started, our teams had games, an open house and alumni game this past weekend, and practice tonight at the Bowie Ice Arena. It's a school night as well. Our members have attended many Council meetings and sent many emails asking you to keep ice in Bowie and build a new ice rink. The current Bowie Ice Arena MUST remain open while a new ice facility is built. Please do not delay any further!

Regards,

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Lori Jones
President, Bowie Hockey Club

Awilda Hernandez

From: Joe Darko <jtdarko@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:22 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Give us our ice

The time has come again. Please stop holding back the new ice arena from our kids. Hockey is a way of life in our home and it will be for a long time. You and the council have completely failed us and we want you to redeem yourselves. Give us our ice rink! We should have been skating on the ice by now but you all blew it. Fix the issues and build our rink. Your job depends on it.

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Sent from the future by my magical iPhone 11 ProMax

Awilda Hernandez

From: Patricia Achimovic <pachimovic@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:38 PM
To: Timothy Adams; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu; Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: City of Bowie Promised Ice Rink

Bowie Council and City Mayor,

My name is Patricia Achimovic and I've called Bowie my home for 40 years. I saw the current ice rink transform from an open air to an indoor facility. My daughter grew up skating at the Bowie ice rink. I have three grandchildren who all learned to skate at the arena. I have spent more hours freezing in that arena that I care to attempt to add up.

I was shocked by the cancellation of the Bowie IcePlex project. In 2017, the construction of a new two-sheet ice facility was approved and funds to build the facility were set aside. The Ice Breaking Ceremony took place on October 25, 2019. The cement had been poured, and construction was underway. To date roughly 9 million dollars have been spent on the project. I was extremely concerned that you stopped construction. Doing so cost the city roughly 4 million dollars in buyouts (if not more), and could have paid for a new one-sheet facility as estimated by the 292 Group. Of the options available to the council for voting tonight, the only acceptable outcome to me as a taxpayer is one that results in new ice for the City of Bowie. Without interruption-the current facility should continue to operate while the new one is built. We were promised a "state-of-the-art facility"-the mayor's words, not mine. It's time to deliver on that promise.
Thank you for your time.

Patricia Achimovic
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Bowie, MD 20715

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: Ilana Forsythe <IForsythe@LBMADJUSTERS.COM>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 3:51 PM
To: Timothy Adams
Cc: Awilda Hernandez; Michael Esteve; Henri Gardner
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Ice Arena

Mr. Adams et al

I am writing this email as we are once again at a crossroads with the Bowie Ice Rink. As you well know the people of Bowie were promised a new ice rink, money was allotted, land purchased permits purchased, contracts signed etc and then POOF all gone again. I do not see how you have all justified the mishandling of that unfortunate event but I do not see why the ICE community should suffer from those decisions. I know for a fact the council was told over and over the old rink is failing. I know they were also informed of the money involved in fixing the failing rink, I was there when the voting took place, the Ice community won and all were elated. The city of Bowie would prosper from a rink, the amount of money spent eating and lodging alone would benefit this city.

The children and adults who use this current rink all pay in one form or another for the pleasure of having a sport other than basketball to play. Some children cannot play outside, due to allergies or they just don't like the heat they come to the rink to skate and socialize with others. The ice rink has always been a safe place for my children to be.

This rink has been here longer than most members of the council and unfortunately many people are just tired of fighting to get what was pulled out from under them. Come to the rink, visit with parents who spend three to four days a week and most weekends in a rink somewhere. WE ALL SPEND MONEY in other areas when our children have games there. WE All pay for hotels in other areas when there is a tournament. How can you realistically say the city will not benefit from having our BOWIE RINK?

I truly don't understand the dislike the current mayor has for the ice community or the rink itself. WHY is it so hard to live up to and honor your commitments?

Ilana Kitchen

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Dyan Slakes <dkslakes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 4:06 PM
To: Timothy Adams; Adrian Boaf; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Keep Ice in Bowie

Hello Mayor Adams,
Please keep ice rinks in Bowie. My son LOVED hockey and played for Bowie for years. During those years his dad and I got divorced. I feel like it kept him on track to make him a better man. He's 20 years old and still plays hockey. Please keep the ice in Bowie.
Sincerely, Dyan Slakes



Dyan Slakes
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Awilda Hernandez

From: Sarah Earwicker <sarahfiguresk8s@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 4:21 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Ice Arena/September 20th Meeting

Hello,

If it's not too late, I would like to add the following citizen comments to the City Council Meeting on September 20th, as I won't be able to attend in person-

At the September 7th City Council Meeting there was a presentation of the facility assessment report completed by the 292 Design Group for the Bowie Ice Arena. At the September 20th meeting there will be further discussion of the fate of the Bowie Ice Arena.

I have been a City of Bowie homeowner and taxpayer for the last 20 years (I have actually lived in Bowie since 1982 when my parents moved here), and I'm also a regular user of the Bowie Ice Arena. I was also a member of the Ice Arena Task Force. I feel very strongly that Bowie should continue to have an Ice Arena.

I don't think I need to list the reasons why we should continue to have an Ice Arena in Bowie, as I, along with many, many other people have sent several emails, have spoken and attended City Council Meetings since the beginning of the 2 sheet of Ice project. I believe you and the rest of the City Council members already know how much the Arena means to our diverse user groups, and how important it is to the City.

Please support keeping an Ice Arena in the City of Bowie. We need an excellent facility that we all can be proud of, and we need it quickly. Your help and support will be very much appreciated.

Thanks,
Sarah Earwicker
M- Section

Awilda Hernandez

From: Milly Hall <hallmilly@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 4:52 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafo; Ingrid Harrison; Henri Gardner; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu; Alfred Lott; Daniel Mears
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Citizen participation (Ice rink) 9/20/2021 Durning COVID-19 pandemic!
Attachments: Letter to City of Bowie on Ice 9.20.2021.pdf

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, I do not feel it is safe to enter the Bowie City Council Chamber for meetings, therefore I am asking the Mayor/Council and City staff to make sure all citizens participation letters are read and not placed in a file never to be seen. Due to the unprecedented times we're currently in I believe accommodations should be made and the City should adjust to as this is no fault of our own.

Citizen participation - September 20, 2021- Ice rink

Good evening Mayor Adams, Council members and staff.

My name is Milly Hall I live in District 3 of Bowie. I'm writing in because on the last agenda the Council had a committee report regarding the Ice rink renovation of the facility at Allen Pond. It appears their report was somewhat incomplete as they were missing the 3 estimates of proposed renovations. Instead we had to endure feedback from members of the Ice community, many of which who may not live in Bowie, demanding to getting a new Ice rink yet again after the last vote.

What I am not understanding is did we forget we are still in the midst of a very real pandemic? Did we forget a Council member stated last year the proposed property on Church Road should primarily benefit the residents on Church Road? I would believe having a facility of some sort to serve the current community on Church Rd would not bring in an excess of more traffic at least. A Council member also stated that the Ice rink wouldn't be bringing in extra revenue to the City of Bowie. Is that not still the case? What's with all the mixed responses? I suggest the Council really makes a solid decision and stop wavering on this matter. After the pandemic, move onto a facility with more multi purpose balance, but not just ice. If the Council continues going down this slippery slope, you're going to give the impression to many residents that the Council is irresponsible and not knowledgeable on how to run this City.

Make a fair and equitable solution for all of the residents of Bowie. Stop dividing the community and make a fair decision with regards to having courts in addition to ice. Last year M-NCPPC was brought in to make a presentation. It seemed as though nobody was listening, now all of a sudden the ice community wants M-NCPPC funding and support? Perhaps they spent some time at the newly renovated Tucker Road facility and now they're feeling a little envious and want to work with Park and Planning. Who's working for whom? Why are we here yet again during a pandemic? Please do not continue to divide the community and vote **no** on building a new ice rink with our residential tax dollars. Thank you.

Milly Hall,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Milly Hall <hallmilly@aol.com>
To: cityclerk@cityofbowie.org <cityclerk@cityofbowie.org>
Cc: tadams@cityofbowie.org <tadams@cityofbowie.org>; abofo@cityofbowie.org <abofo@cityofbowie.org>
Sent: Mon, Apr 20, 2020 06:43 PM

Subject: Citizen participation (Ice Plex)

Citizen participation - April 20, 2020.

Good evening Mayor Adams, Council members and staff.

My name is Milly Hall and i've been a proud resident of Bowie, specifically District 3, for over 21 years. While I support smart growth economically within the city, the proposed Ice Plex is highly concerning as I believe this will severely impact the quality of life for the residents within the impacted area instead of benefiting or enhancing the community as a whole. I'm primarily concerned that the current infrastructure will be unable to handle this type of undertaking the proposed scope of work requires. In addition, our state and nation are dealing with a global pandemic due to COVID-19 which has led to a state wide budget freeze on all non essential spending. I would think that our City should follow suit, especially given the fact we do not know how long the current restrictions will last from a safety and economical standpoint.

If this project should continue in the distant future, I strongly feel this facility should at lease include and be shared with a multi-functional sports courts. In previous surveys conducted within the community, many residents were more united and in favor of multi-functional sports courts serving as the most reasonable of new recreational amenities to be added in Bowie.

I appreciate the opportunity to express my opinion and truly hope that the City takes into account the needs of all citizens of Bowie which would include multi functional sports courts.

Regards,

Milly Hall
District 3

Awilda Hernandez

From: Kylene Cox <kylene_cox@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 5:58 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Ice Arena

Good Afternoon Ms.Hernandez,
I am writing to you today to implore you to keep ice in Bowie and within a timely fashion.

My family have been members of the Bowie Hockey club for three years now. I am not a resident of Bowie. I live in Calvert county as many of the hockey players do. We travel to your fine city to be part of this wonderful club. Lori Jones and the staff and Coaches at this rink truly make magic happen for these players.

Let me tell you a brief story. My son who is on the 14u Gold team with Bowie didn't start his Hockey career at Bowie. We were part of the organization at Capitals Clubhouse and played for the Sabres. The first year with them was incredible. The following year their recreation program went under. They pieced together a team so players could play. We had such a horrible year and my son hindered as did other players. We heard wonderful things about Bowie and left that club taking multiple families along with us to enroll in the Bowie Hockey Club. I finally thought we were home. My Mom who was the best Hockey Grandma around was so proud of her Grandson being a part of the Bowie Hockey Club and spoke nothing but praise about this rink!

Now to my surprise, we could potentially be out of a program again. Because the council doesn't see the value in these players or this establishment. If we get a new rink fantastic! However the current one can not be closed down for years to bulldoze and rebuild. This will then put 100's of skaters searching for a new club. If we have to search for a new club we won't be back. Thus hindering your city. Area clubs would not have the capacity to hold our club while you rebuild and therefore we would not have the same opportunities again hurting the youth in the surrounding counties.

To date my Mom the Best Hockey Grandma has passed away and has passed along the protective reigns of hockey to me. Please do what's right for these kids. Don't shove them some place else. Give them the rink you promised them.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,
Kylene Nickoli

Sent from my iPhone

Awilda Hernandez

From: Bruce Clark <bclark48@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 6:30 PM
To: cityclerk; Bruce Clark
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: council meeting 9-20-21 re: Ice Rink

Greetings Honorable Mayor and Council : I am OPPOSED to any attempt to build an Ice Rink. I believe we have many quality of life and safety and security issues to resolve before the expenditure of any more funds for such a project. I surmise that it would serve only a very small portion of Bowie Tax payers, and there is great concern about our ability to socially congregate due to ongoing safety concerns due to the Corona Virus. Any sports facility should be built with an outside sponsor to share share full planning and financial liabilities.

Bruce E. Clark 301-262-1574

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Awilda Hernandez

From: Joshua Wooten <joshuawooten2@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 20, 2021 1:54 PM
To: cityclerk; Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafo; Henri Gardner; Rosann Ndebumadu; Ingrid Harrison; Dufour Woolfley; Michael Esteve
Cc: Joe Meinert; Ashleigh Diaz; michellenbalfé
Subject: {EXTERNAL}; Testimony regarding Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Preliminary Master Plan
Attachments: Bowie-Mitchellville_and_Vicinity_Preliminary_Master_Plan_Testimony.docx

Good evening all,

Please find attached testimony from the Bowie Green Team's MAPS subgroup regarding the Bowie-Mitchellville and Vicinity Preliminary Master Plan for tonight's City Council meeting.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or comments. Thank you for your consideration.

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

Honorable Mayor and Councilpersons,

The Multimodal Access & Public Spaces (MAPS), sub-committee of the Bowie Green Team, has reviewed the Bowie, Mitchellville and Vicinity Preliminary Master Plan. We have also reviewed the very detailed assessment of the plan put together by City staff. We appreciate the thoroughness of the City staff in distilling this plan and sorting through the details. The review by MAPS focused on multimodal transportation and place making aspects of the plan.

Overall, we strongly support the findings and recommendations of the City staff. We would like to highlight a few key aspects to bring to your attention.

The City staff recommends that a portion of MD 214 between Jennings Mill Drive and US 301 be reclassified from Expressway to Urban Arterial (staff report item H). This is not currently part of the plan. We concur that it should be added to the plan at this time. The city recently completed a MD 214 Pedestrian Overpass Feasibility Study. This is a challenging corridor to connect with non-motorized transportation modes. This reclassification will help to connect the developing South Lake project to the rest of the city. Being able to apply complete streets techniques would make it much safer.

We think the plan's recommendations for MD 450 in the vicinity of Free State and Marketplace support the city's goals of an improved Bowie Main Street concept. There are traffic calming and pedestrian improvements that are needed to make it safe for multiple modes of transportation.

There are a number of plan strategies that are in very good alignment with the Bowie Trails Master Plan. This includes support for improved connections to the Heritage trail (TM 23.1) and support for the Bowie Byway (TM 7.3 & 7.4).

The plans for creating a separated pedestrian and bicycle pathway addition to the bridge crossing the Northeast rail corridor in Old Bowie (TM 23.4) would be a significant safety and connection improvement. Other safety improvements in the form of traffic calming and better crosswalks (TM 23.2) are important plan elements.

The plan supports making the CSX Pope's Creek Railroad into a rail-trail should the rail line be abandoned (TM 7.6). This is a topic that has surfaced at more than one city council meeting. If this rail line were to be abandoned, the City of Bowie would be at the northern terminus of what could be a significant cross-county trail.

Plans can be great and inspirational, but are also often too aspirational. We would like to see progress over time. We strongly support the City staff recommendation (item K) for the county to publish the methodology for measuring each of the seven metrics that will be used to measure progress. It is vital to measure progress or understand why it is not occurring. Transparency will help facilitate implementation.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Multimodal Access & Public Spaces (MAPS)
Subgroup of the Bowie Green Team

**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: 9-20-21; Time: 10:42 Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Boafo Seconded by Gardner;
Members in favor: All; 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	Golf Course Agreement
§3-305(b) ☒ 14	Discuss a bid or contract	Golf Course agreement Workforce Training
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4. This statement is made by Jonathan J. ARS, 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: 10:48

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): Golf Course Agreement, Workforce Training

Members who voted to meet in closed session: TA, HG, IH, ME, DW, AD, RN

Persons attending closed session: TA, HG, IH, ME, DW, AD, RN, Lott, Mears, Levan, Buggs, Hein, Spurgeon

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

Topics actually discussed: Workforce Training

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____