



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 18, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:00 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 Boafo, Esteve (logged in at 8:05 p.m.), Gardner, Ndebumadu (logged in at 8:04 p.m.), and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Michael Gorman, Althea Ln – Spoke in regard to the use of the Bowie Ice Arena.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Shelemiah Griffiths-Johnson, Chair of the Bowie Youth Council, briefed Council on some of the activities they have been working on.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to appoint Ms. Stephanie Maceiko to the Community Outreach Committee as a youth member for a 2-year term. Councilmember Gardner second the motion. Motion passed 4-0 (Esteve, Ndebumadu – did not vote). Mayor Adams swore in Ms. Maceiko to the committee.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Ndebumadu made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of October 4, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Letter to M-NCPPC re: FY 2023 Proposed Budget; C) Adoption of Proclamation P-24-21 Recognizing Volunteers and City Staff for the Old Town Bowie Celebrates Festival on September 18, 2021; D) Adoption of Resolution R-66-21 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Clearpath Solutions Group, and Authorizing the Purchase of Equipment and Professional Services to Upgrade Virtual Stack Equipment; E) Adoption of Resolution R-68-21 Accepting Bid for the Replacement of a Generator at the

Wastewater Treatment Plant; F) Adoption of Resolution R-69-21 Awarding a Contract for Council Chambers Audio Video Technical Update. Councilmember Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Ordinance O-6-21 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2022 to Appropriate Funds to Award a Contract to the University of Baltimore Jacob France Institute for the Preparation of an Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan.

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 Ndebumadu made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-6-21. Mayor Pro Tem Bofo second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Bowie Golf Course Management – Assistant City Manager Mears summarized the staff report. At the October 4, 2021 Council meeting, Council directed staff to allow Emerald Golf Management until October 8 to accept the City's terms of the contract, move forward with negotiations with Indigo Golf Partners, in parallel make all practical efforts to open the facility for use, using the 1099/contractors and staff to the extent possible. Emerald Golf Management did not respond to the City by October 8, 2021, therefore staff has negotiated an agreement with Indigo Golf Partners which represents the accountable, responsive and quality management of the golf course that the City desires at a rate and term that are fair and consistent with the proposal received.

Councilmember Ndebumadu made a motion to direct City Manager Lott to move forward with the agreement with Indigo/Antares. Mayor Pro Tem Bofo second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on Countywide Map Amendment (CMA)/Zoning Rewrite - Mr. Chad Williams, Master Planner and Mr. Thomas Lester, Planner with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission briefed Council on the Countywide Map Amendment. The CMA needs to be established before the County can begin to use its new zoning ordinance. It covers all of Prince Georges County except for the City of Laurel and it transitions the existing zones to the most similar zones contained in the new zoning ordinance. In the City a portion of Freestate Shopping Center is seeking for intensification of property. In the vicinity of Bowie there are several seeking new zonings i.e., Freeway Airport and several properties south of Mitchellville Road west of MD 301.

Councilmember Woolfley asked about how things were panning out for the Jesuit property. Mr. Williams responded it is a simple one to one conversion, generally zoned RA which is Residential/Agricultural.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Williams for his presentation.

B. Water Education Discussion – Mayor Pro Tem Bofo would like for staff, mainly the Communications Department, to work on some sort of flyer or video informing residents on the issues of the City's water system and what the City is doing to improve it. City Manager Lott will meet with Ms.

Cooper, City Communications Director, to work out the details on how to move forward with this communication to the residents.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo moved to move the Closed Session item from the agenda to the next Council meeting. Councilmember Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk