



City of Bowie

15901 Fred Robinson Way
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, November 1, 2021, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:02 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, Gardner (arrived at 8:04 p.m.), Harrison, Ndebumadu, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Councilmember Woolfley asked to remove Item E from the Consent Agenda, the introduction of Ordinance O-7-21 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2021 and Ending June 30, 2022, as Set Forth in Ordinance O-1-21, and Amended by O-6-21, to Replenish Funding for the Purchase of Machinery and Equipment Owned by Bowie Golf Management, Inc. and to Purchase Contractual Services for the Implementation of the City Branding Strategy, to allow staff to gather more information for Council. All other items were approved.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Verna Teasdale, Midwood Ln – Thanked Council for their support of the Old Town Bowie Festival.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Ndebumadu mentioned that the Prince George's County Sports Complex is accepting appointments for residents to obtain their COVID vaccines.

Councilmember Esteve thanked Verna Teasdale and the team that put together the Old Town Bowie Festival.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported that the City's HR Department is diligently working to fill the open positions the City has.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of Proclamation P-27-21 Proclaiming November 2021 as Family Court Awareness Month in the City of Bowie; B) Approval of Proclamation P-28-21 Proclaiming the Month of November as Municipal Government Works Month in the City of Bowie; C) Adoption of Proclamation P-29-21 Observing Veteran's Day, November 11, 2021; D) Adoption of Resolution R-70-21 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow Negotiations with 292 Design Group, and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement for New Bowie Ice Arena Site Analysis; F) Introduction of Ordinance O-8-21 Amending Bowie City Code, Chapter 5 "Building and Property Maintenance"; to Amend Section 5-4, "City Fees and Permit Requirements" to Add Driveways to the List of Improvements Requiring Permits; to Amend Section 5-6, "Definitions", to Add, Delete, or Amend Certain Definitions; to Amend Section 5-7 "Standards" to Clarify Certain Landscaping Requirements, to Specify Additional Items That May Not be Stored Outside; and to Amend Section 5-9, "Licensing and Inspection of Rental Dwellings", to Expand the Offenses for Which Rental Licenses May be Denied or Revoked. Councilmember Harrison second the motion. Motion passed 6-0 (Ndebumadu did not vote).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Discussion on Voting Center in Bowie for 2022 Elections – Mayor Pro Tem Boafu wanted an update on where the City stood in assisting the County Board of Elections on finding a voting location in the City for the 2022 election cycle.

City Manager Lott responded that staff continues to work with the County, but a location has not been selected. They are working on the possibility of having it at the Community Center off of Stonybrook Drive if the City is able to assist with the parking situation.

Councilmember Harrison stated that she had spoken with Ms. Alexander and they are not opposed to using the community center.

Councilmember Woolfley strongly supports that it should be held at the community center and not at the gymnasium.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu would like for staff to continue working with the County Board of Elections on securing a location in the City of Bowie for the 2022 elections, preferably at the gymnasium with an alternate location of the community center off of Stonybrook Dr. if the parking issues are addressed. He would also like for Ms. Alisha Alexander from the County Board of Elections to be placed on the November 15 agenda for a briefing on their needs.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BGE Update - Mr. David Wright, External Affairs Manager with BGE briefed Council on BGE's services in the City. They continue working on updating several substations that service the City and worked closely with Tesla on the 2MW Aggregate Net Meter solar farm which produces energy used solely by the City of Bowie.

Councilmember Ndebumadu commented that in District 4 there seems to be a lot of power outages and she has received complaints that there is a lack of communication from BGE on why these are happening. Mr. Wright responded that he will look into it and report back to Council on the causes.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Wright for his presentation.

B. Eagle X Pro – Mr. Kyle Grasser briefed Council on a product they manufacture that improves indoor air quality with bipolar ionization technology and has been found to effectively neutralize a variety of viruses, bacteria, fungus and mold spores. The company would like to petition to Council to allow Eagle X Pro to donate their product to the City, and have it installed in City Hall to serve as an example to different constituents and businesses around town to show that not only is the City of Bowie doing everything they can to protect constituents, but also to serve as an example of how best they can leverage the technology they have to keep everyone safe.

City Manager Lott asked Mr. Grasser what is in it for them to have this equipment installed at City Hall, our system is very specific, and he would need to discuss with our Facility Manager to make sure it is comparable with our system.

Mr. Grasser responded that it is just to allow to show constituents that the technology is available.

Council directed staff to work with Eagle X Pro for the installation of the equipment at City Hall.

C. Adoption of Resolution R-67-21 Adopting the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2021 (HUD FY20) – Mr. George Jones, City Grants Manager summarized the Resolution. The City has been an Entitlement Community with the Department of Housing and Urban Development Community since 2003. As a result, the City receives an annual allocation from HUD and is required to file a strategic annual action plan. Mr. Jones stated that there is one change to the information provided in their packets, the amount the City will receive from HUD will have a 1.5% increase for FY22 for a total of \$196,435.

Public Hearing:

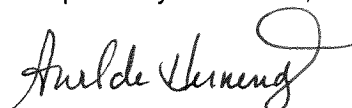
Since there were no comments received or no one signed up to speak, Mayor Adams declared the Public Hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to adopt Resolution R-67-21. Councilmember Gardner second the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Councilmember Esteve offline, Councilmember Ndebumadu did not vote).

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting and move the Closed Session item from the agenda to the next Council meeting. Councilmember Gardner second the motion. Motion passed 4-0 (Councilmember Esteve offline, Councilmember Ndebumadu and Mayor Pro Tem Boafo did not vote). The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk