



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2012

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, November 5, 2012 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Polangin, Councilmembers Brady, Gardner, Marcos, Trough and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Ruff, City Clerk Hernandez, Members of the Staff, the Press and the Public.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Robinson asked to add approval of letter to BGE as Item G under Consent Agenda and Mayor Pro Tem Polangin asked to add "Discussion in Reference to Hurricane Sandy" as Item B under New Business.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

A. Mr. Rich O'Brien, member of the Bowie Public Safety Committee expressed his thanks to City Staff for the preparation before the arrival of Hurricane Sandy.

B. Mr. Russ Ideo, President of Citizens Association of South Bowie thanked Council and previous members of Council for their support of the construction of the new South Bowie Library.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Teacher of the Month Award (September, October, November) – Dr. Dawn Brodus-Yougha, Chairperson of the Bowie Education Committee presented the "Teacher of the Month Award" to Ms. Rhonda Rowell from High Bridge Elementary School for the month of September, Ms. Lauryn Hartell from Chapel Forge Early Childhood Development Center for the month of October and Ms. Carolyn O'Donovan from Whitehall Elementary School for the month of November. All teachers will receive a dinner for two voucher from Texas Roadhouse in Bowie; T.J. Elliotts Restaurant in Bowie will provide the teacher and her homeroom class with a pizza party and from the City of Bowie a Certificate of Recognition and a check for \$50.

MAYOR G. Frederick Robinson **MAYOR PRO TEM** Diane M. Polangin

COUNCIL Dennis Brady ♦ Henri Gardner ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Isaac C. Trough ♦ Todd M. Turner **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch
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CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-in – Councilmember Brady moved to appoint Ms. Crystal Faison to the Bowie Green Team Executive Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mayor Robinson swore-in Ms. Faison and welcomed her.

B. Mayor Pro Tem Polangin made a motion to reappoint the following members to the Board of Elections for a 2-year term: Camilla M. Gaines, Louis F. D'Orsaneo, Irving Salzberg, Gbola Oladele, Yolanda Jones and Heike Nyland. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson on behalf of Council thanked City Manager Deutsch and City Staff on the outstanding work that was performed during the recent storms. Mayor Robinson also reminded citizens to go out and vote on November 6th.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on the following: 1) Leaf collection program began on November 5th and will run through mid-December.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items A) Approval of October 1 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of October 15 Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of Proclamation P-17-12 – Proclaiming the Month of November as Municipal Government Works Month in Bowie; D) Approval of Resolution R-83-12 – Accepting Bid for the Electrical Switchgear Replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; E) City Position Letter for CB-110-2012 – Reducing/Exercise Salons or Health Clubs in the M-A-C Zone; F) Approval of Resolution R-85-12 – Awarding an Indoor Sports Facility Feasibility Study and Detailed Concept Plan to the Sports Facilities Advisory; G) Approval of Letter to BGE – Outages in certain neighborhoods in Bowie. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. County General Plan Update Briefing – Mr. Joe Meinert, City of Bowie Planning Director introduced staff from M-NCPPC, Mr. Derick Berlage, Mr. Kierre McCune, and Ms. Judy D'Ambrosi who will be briefing Council on the County General Plan. The General Plan is a countywide plan that helps guide growth and development in both short and long term plans and establishes a clear, long-term vision for Prince George's County. State law mandates the update of the plan two years after the last census. The plan will go through various levels of public review, including Planning Board and District Council hearings.

Councilmember Turner thanked Mr. McCune for the information provided and asked when the Bowie sector plan will be done. Mr. McCune responded that he does not have a definite date but will look into and provide a response.

Councilmember Brady asked how will this effort remain current or will it be a plan that will sit on a shelf for twenty years. Mr. McCune responded that they are working to make sure the plans get accomplished.

Councilmember Truth asked Mr. McCune to consider making this presentation to the Prince George's County Municipal Association.

B. Discussion in reference to Hurricane Sandy – Mayor Pro Tem Polangin made a motion to make a donation in the amount of \$2,500 to the American Red Cross specifically for the victims of Hurricane Sandy.

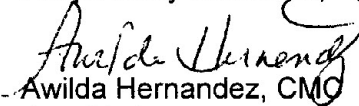
Councilmember Brady asked how much was donated for the reliefs in Haiti after the earthquake and Hurricane Katrina. City Manager Deutsch responded that there was not an actual monetary donation to Haiti but instead the City publicized information on how citizens could help. In 2005 a donation for \$10,000 was made for Hurricane Katrina victims and \$10,000 for the tsunami victims which was matched by the community. Councilmember Brady recommended changing the donation amount to \$5,000 or \$10,000. Mayor Pro Tem Polangin revised her motion to the amount of \$5,000. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

City Manager Deutsch stated that the Red Cross is also in need of blood donations. The City sponsors two blood drives a month, the upcoming ones will be on November 10th from 8:30am to 1:00pm at the Senior Center and on November 20th from 2-8pm at the gymnasium. Citizens could also call 1-800-GIVELIFE and schedule a donation time as well as thru their website www.redcrossblood.org.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move to Executive Session as permitted by the Maryland Public Open Meetings Act, Section 10-508(a)(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; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals (Attached). Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Awilda Hernandez, CMO
City Clerk

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Date: 11/5/12 Time: 8:52pm Location: Council Chambers Motion to close meeting made by: Polangin

Seconded by Marcos, Members voting in favor: Robinson, Turner, Brady, Gardner

Marcos, Trooth, Polangin Opposed: 0 Abstaining 0 Absent 0

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION, State Government Article, §10-508(a) (check all that apply):

- ☒ (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; or 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 on a legal matter;
- ☐ (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.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- (X) To discuss personnel matter
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Persons attending closed session: Robinson, Polangin, Turner, Brady, Gardner, Marcos, Trooth, Deutsch, Fitzmaurice, Ruff

This statement is made by Maya Robinson, Presiding Officer: [Signature]
SIGNATURE

***** FOR USE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: *****

TOPICS DISCUSSED AND ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY):

Time closed session adjourned: 9:05

Appendix C