



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 2013

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, April 15, 2013 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Boy Scout Adika Gulla from Troop 1688 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Polangin, Councilmembers Brady, Gardner, Marcos, Truth (arrived 8:08p.m.) and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Members of the Staff, Press and the Public.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Polangin made a motion to approve Proclamation P-4-13 - Declaring May 2013 as Business Appreciation Month in Bowie. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 (Truth not present)

2. Councilmember Marcos made a motion to approve Proclamation P-5-13 - Congratulating the Bowie Bulldogs Boys 11-13 Football Team on Winning the 2012 State Championship. Mayor Pro Tem Polangin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously 7-0. Councilmember Marcos presented proclamation to Coach Fisher and the team.

3. Councilmember Turner made a motion to approve Proclamation P-6-13 - Congratulating the Bowie State University Men's Basketball Team on Winning the CIAA Championship. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously 7-0. Councilmember Turner and Truth presented the proclamation to Coach Brooks and the team.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson commented on the City's decision to move the 4th of July fireworks event to the Baysox stadium.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on the following: A) Bowie held its third annual Green Expo on April 13th, over 300 citizens took part in the event and thanked the Environmental

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

COUNCIL Dennis Brady ♦ Henri Gardner ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Isaac C. Truth ♦ Todd M. Turner **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch
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Advisory Committee for preparing the event; B) Congratulated Mayor Robinson for having served the City as Mayor for 15 years.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of April 1 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Proclamation P-3-13 – Recognizing April 20, 2013 as Arbor Day in Bowie; C) Approval of Proclamation P-7-13 – Proclaiming the Month of May 2013 as National Bike Month; D) Approval of Resolution R-27-13 – Amending the January 15, 1993 Lease Between the City of Bowie and Fred Ryder Enterprises, Inc. to Extend the Lease for Five Years and Modify the Lease Payment Amounts; E) City Position Letter – Detailed Site Plan Revision #DSP-97029/03 Carrabba's Italian Grill; F) City Position Letter – Bowie Health Campus. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. WMATA Service Evaluation Study (B-Service Routes) – Mr. Jack Requa, Assistant General Manager for Bus Services briefed Council on their study for the B-Service Routes that provide transit service in the portion of the City north of Bowie Town Center. Some of the recommendations that came from the study include an increase in service frequency, running time adjustments, adding weekend service to connect New Carrollton Metrorail with Bowie Town Center and Bowie State University. A copy of the powerpoint presentation is on file in the City Clerks office.

Councilmember Turner asked Mr. Requa if all recommendations are not able to be accomplished by WMATA which items will they focus on the most. Mr. Requa replied that it will be the increase in frequency and on time ratio.

Mayor Robinson thanked the staff from WMATA for their presentation.

B. Introduction of Ordinance O-2-13 – Approving and Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013 and Ending June 30, 2014 and Resolution R-26-13 – Adopting a Capital Improvements Program for the Fiscal Years 2014-2019.

Public Hearing:

1. Kay Kane, Chair of the Bowie Green Team Committee, spoke in support of the proposed budget amounts for the committee's initiatives.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin made a motion to Introduce Ordinance O-2-13 – Approving and Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2013 and Ending June 30, 2014. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin made a motion to Introduce Resolution R-26-13 – Adopting a Capital Improvements Program for the Fiscal Years 2014-2019. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously 7-0.

C. Election Process Review – City Manager Deutsch briefed Council on the question that will be placed on the November 5, 2013 ballot regarding the length of Council terms. The

proposed language for the advisory question will be: "Do you support four-year terms for the Mayor and City Council?" with a reply of either yes or no. Mr. Deutsch also commented on the possibility of extending the deadline to file for candidacy to 60 days prior to the election.

Public Hearing:

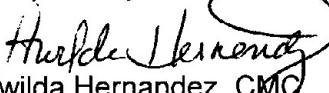
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After discussion amongst the Council, Councilmember Brady made a motion to approve the proposed language for the advisory question being placed on the November 5, 2013 ballot. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried 6-1 (Trough). Council decided not to change the deadline to file for candidacy; it will remain at 30 days.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move into Budget Worksession #1. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk