

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 2012

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m.

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 Karen Ruff, City Clerk Fleming, Members of the Staff, the Press and the Public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Proclamation P-1-12 – Congratulating the Bowie High School Bulldogs Boys Soccer Team on Winning the 2011 Maryland State 4A Championship – Mayor Pro Tem Polangin read and moved approval of Proclamation P-1-12. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mayor Robinson invited the team and the coaches to receive the proclamation.

The Honorable Geraldine Valentino-Smith, Maryland House of Delegates, presented certificates of recognition to each member of the team and the coaches.

Mr. Richard Kirkland, head coach, thanked Delegate Valentino-Smith and the members of the City Council for the recognition.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Appointments/Reappointments/Swearings-in - A. Councilmember Trough moved the reappointment of Mr. Dale Grant as Chairman of the Community Outreach Committee. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Councilmember Brady moved the reappointment of Ms. Kathleen Parker as Chairman of the Bowie Arts Committee. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

C. Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved the reappointment of Dr. Dawn Brodus-Yougha as Chairman of the Bowie Education Committee. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

D. Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved the appointment of Ms. Bree Gunter as a member of the Bowie Education Committee. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

E. Councilmember Marcos moved the appointment of Mr. Joseph Gunter as a member of the Financial Advisory Committee. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

F. Councilmember Marcos moved the appointment of Sean Doordan as a member of the Economic Development Committee. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. Councilmember Turner moved the appointment of Mark Lewellen as a member of the Community Recreation Committee. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

H. Mayor Robinson swore Ms. Gunter, Messrs. Gunter, Doordan and Lewellen into office in accordance with Section 92A of the City Charter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. City Manager David Deutsch reported on the following items: 1) Speed Cameras – New cameras will be going live on February 6th on Kenhill Drive; publicity will begin shortly; and 2) Street Lights – The street lights at Peach Preserve were scheduled to be installed on January 24; staff learned that they maybe installed as early as January 20; staff will keep Council informed of the progress.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved approval of the following Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of Resolution R-4-12, By Two-Thirds Vote of the Council of the City of Bowie Maryland Waiving the Bidding Requirements of Section 61 of the City Charter to Allow the City to Enter Into a Contract With Rehrig Pacific, Company, for 65 Gallon Recycling Containers for the Material Recycling Program; Based Upon the Direct Purchase Authorization Provided by the U.S. Department of Energy and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement for this Purchase; B. Approval of Resolution R-7-12, Creating a Policy Requiring That the New Construction of City of Bowie Buildings Over 10,000 Square Feet in Floor Area or Major Additions to Existing Buildings over 10,000 Square Feet in Floor Area Exclusive of Historic Properties Be Constructed in a Way to Achieve at Least a LEED Silver Certification Rating; C. Approval of Resolution R-8-12, By Two-Thirds Vote Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirement of Section 61 of the Charter of the City of Bowie and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Maintenance Agreement With Johnson Controls, Inc. for the HVAC System at Bowie City Hall; and D. Approval of Resolution R-10-12, Acknowledging Comcast of Maryland, Inc.'s Written Request for Franchise Renewal and Initiating the Formal Cable Franchise Renewal Process Set Forth in the Cable Communications Act of 1984. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Emergency Medical Services – Marc Bashoor, Prince George's County Fire Chief, spoke about smoke alarms in all homes and the need to keep them operational by replacing the battery often. He then displayed a PowerPoint presentation which provided an overview of the Department's capabilities for Emergency Medical Services in the City. A copy of the presentation is on file at City Hall. Chief Bashoor reported that the Prince George's County Fire/EMS Department is the largest combination department in the United States; it is the 16th largest Fire/EMS Department overall in the nation; there are over 800 sworn and civilian employees and over 1,500 active volunteers. He then reported on the heavy apparatus fleet, annual call volume, and ALS/BLS coverage in Bowie and County-wide.

Deputy Chief Jonathan Howard, Bowie Volunteer Fire Department, reported on the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department's activities and said that the BVFD has 40-50 active members which are actually those members who are on the fire truck or ambulance on a continual basis; there are also other volunteers who come in once or twice a month to fill in as needed.

In response to a questions posed by Mayor Robinson, Chief Bashoor said he would like every station to have ALS service; the reality is that money is not available; within the next year they should be able to achieve at least another paramedic ambulance in the City or immediately adjacent to the City. Following other questions from members of the City Council, Mayor Robinson thanked Chief Bashoor and Deputy Chief Howard for their reports.

Ms. Monica Best James, Chair of the Bowie Public Safety Committee, introduced members of the committee that were present and congratulated the fire departments on their good work.

B. Resolution R-9-12 – Adopting the Housing and Community Development Amended Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2012 – Mr. Jesse Buggs, Director, Office of Grant Development and Administration, summarized the staff report dated January 17, 2012, a copy of which is on file at City Hall. He reported that in August, 2009, CDBG-R funds for the City were approved under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act in the amount of \$44,372 for Energy Audits in support of the Senior Citizen "Green" Housing Rehabilitation Program; the City has CDBG-R funds of \$13,622 which are now available for other uses and the City proposes to use these funds for the actual rehab services for eligible seniors in the program; this will enable the City to comply with ARRA funding deadlines and not be required to return funds as unobligated. Mr. Buggs recommended that the Council adopt Resolution R-9-12 and authorize the Amended Annual Action Plan to be sent to HUD.

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

Councilmember Marcos moved approval of Resolution R-9-12. Mayor Pro Tem Polangin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Fleming, MMC
City Clerk