

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2010

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2009 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:12 p.m.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Marcos, Councilmembers Brady Polangin, Trough, Turner and Valentino-Smith; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Robert Levan, 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.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

A. Mr. Richard Stein, 2712 Filbert Lane, spoke about a proposed sculpture at the new City Hall. A copy of his statement is attached.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Appointments/Reappointments/Swearings-in -

A. Councilmember Valentino-Smith moved the appointment of Dr. Dawn Brodus-Yougha as Chairman of the Education Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Councilmember Polangin moved the appointment of Mr. Gary Allen as Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Committee. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Proclamation P-2-10 - Recognizing Captain Jeffrey Welch As the Maryland Civil Air Patrol Squadron Commander of the Year - Councilmember Polangin read and moved approval of Proclamation P-2-10. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Captain Welch thanked the Council for the recognition and explained the duties and functions of the Civil Air Patrol. He introduced Julie Holley who is the first female Commander of the Bowie CAP and will be taking Capt. Welch's place.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson thanked staff for the excellent Martin Luther King, Jr. program that was held earlier in the evening.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

A. City Manager David Deutsch reported on the following: 1) Human Resources Director - Mr. Deutsch introduced Mr. Steven Haley who was recently hired for this position. Mayor Robinson welcomed Mr. Haley to the City and wished him well. 2) Snow Storm - Following the recent 20 inch snow storm, cost data was gathered and submitted through the proper channels in anticipation of reimbursement; staff has learned that the County did not qualify because the event was not a record snow fall; concerns have been registered. 3) Update on Park Master Plans - A worksession is scheduled on January 25 to discuss the Allen Pond Master Plan; bids will be opened on January 22 for consultant services for Whitemarsh Park and a recommendation will be before Council for approval in February.

CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved approval of the following Consent Agenda: A) Approval of Minutes of January 4, 2010 Council Meeting; and B. Approval of City Position Re: County Historic Sites and District Plan. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance O-1-10 - Amending the Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2009 and Ending June 30, 2010, as Embodied in Ordinance O-1-09, for the Purpose of Funding the Purchase of Specialized Police Equipment and Computer Hardware and Software - City Manager Deutsch reported that the City has been awarded a one half million dollar grant from the United States Department Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) for the purpose of purchasing computer hardware and software, a paperless field reporting system, upgrades to wireless In-Car camera systems, E-citation ticketing equipment, tasers with cameras and other equipment to support police services; the various equipment and technological improvements will increase the emergency preparedness capabilities of the Bowie Police Department. He said there will be no net impact on the City budget.

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

Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved the adoption of Ordinance O-1-10. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Prince George's County Schools Proposed Budget for FY 2011 - City Manager Deutsch reported staff and the Education Committee worked on a draft document which is before Council for approval; the draft focuses on the most important aspects of the pending County School Budget.

Councilmember Turner asked that discussions be continued with the School Board regarding Tulip Grove Elementary and a new school for Tall Oaks High School rather than renovating the existing school, as well as the continuous request for the new Bowie High School. He said it does not necessarily need that to be in the letter, but wanted to be sure discussions are continued.

Councilmember Valentino-Smith referred to Page 3 regarding the TAG program and asked that emphasis be added that there is great demand in the community and that there is a waiting list. She said that the County should be asked do everything it can to assist in meeting the needs to increase TAG programming.

Mayor Robinson asked that on Page 2, another sentence be added about the new Bowie High School to read: "We continue to believe that it should remain in the planning document". On Page 3 under Transportation and Garage Service, he asked that a sentence be added to read "We would appreciate an explanation of this expenditure in terms of our priorities".

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Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved that the draft letter be approved as amended. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Turner moved to adjourn the meeting in an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter with counsel. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Fleming, MMC
City Clerk

