

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, September 7, 2010 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. Mayor Robinson was out of town and could not be present.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Pro Tem Marcos, Councilmembers Brady, Polangin, Truth, Turner and Valentino-Smith; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Elissa Levan, City Clerk Fleming, Members of the Staff, the Press and the Public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The City Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcos thanked staff who planned the Salute to America Concert and for those who attended in making it a successful event.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Deutsch reported on the following items: 1) Early Voting is in progress at the Bowie Library. 2) Staff is working on gaining approval for speed camera installations on Route 450 and Route 197; the City and the contractor have been working with the State Highway Administration to produce data that they require to gain approval; staff is expecting the cameras will be installed in locations near Rockledge Elementary School and Bowie High School before the end of the calendar year. 3) Staff has reported about an issue created at the intersection of Rte. 197 and Kenhill Drive when the State decided to add a lane on Kenhill for northbound traffic onto Rte. 197 which has created some traffic backups on Kenhill Drive; staff has been working with the SHA District 3 office to try get them to fix the problem they created on a city street; the traffic signal is not adjusting for traffic; staff will keep Council posted on the progress.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Brady moved the approval of Consent Agenda Item A: Approval of Minutes of August 2, 2010 Council Meeting; B. Approval of Proclamation P-15-10 - Establishing Wednesday, September 22, 2010 As Car Free Day in Bowie; C. Approval of Proclamation P-16-10 - Declaring the Week of September 17-23, 2010 As Constitution Week in Bowie; D. Approval of Resolution R-51-10 - Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 6, "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie by a Two-Thirds Vote to Allow For the Installation of Control Link Service at the Blacksox Park Softball and Baseball Fields

And Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract With Musco Lighting In the Amount Of \$23,760; E. Approval of Resolution R-52-10, Awarding a Contract for the Roof Replacement and Related Repairs at the Bowie Radio and TV Museum; F. Approval of Resolution R-53-10, Accepting Bid Proposals for Network Engineering Support; G. Approval of Resolution R-54-10, By Two Thirds Vote Waiving the Bidding Requirements Allowing for the Purchase of Divider Curtains for the Municipal Gymnasium; H. Approval of Resolution R-55-10, Petitioning the Administration and the Maryland General Assembly to Reinstate State-Shared Revenues Diverted from Municipal Governments to Fund State Operations and to Provide More Diverse Revenue Raising Authority to Municipalities; I. Approval of Resolution R-56-10, Approving an Amendment to the Annexation Agreement for the Mill Branch South Development, Located on the Southwest Quadrant of US 301 and Excalibur Road, for the Purpose of Expanding the List of Uses Permitted Thereunder, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute the Amended Annexation Agreement; J. Approval of Resolution R-57-10, Adopting an Annexation Plan for the Annexation of Spring Meadows Subdivision and the Adjacent Woodcliff Road Commercial Area and Several Properties Along Church road, Including the Dixon Property Subdivision, Generally Located South of Old Maryland Route 450 (Old Annapolis Road), on Both Sides of Church Road; K. Approval of Resolution R-59-10, Accepting Bid Proposal for Energy Audits for the HUD CDBG Senior Citizen "Green" Housing Rehabilitation Program; and L. Approval of Resolution R-60-10, Accepting Bid for the Purchase of a Street Sweeper. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance O-7-10 - Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010, And Ending June 30, 2011, As Embodied in Ordinance O-3-10, As Amended, for the Purpose of Funding the Senior Citizens Housing Rehabilitation and "Green" Technologies Demonstration Program - City Manager Deutsch summarized the ordinance and said it was introduced last month and reflects the fact that funds available from the federal government for the housing rehab program and funds from the open door housing fund were unable to be spent in the last fiscal year and were not budgeted for the current fiscal year; the monies are expected to be spent on the program in FY '11; the ordinance adjusts the budget to reflect those monies; there is no change to the City's financial status.

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

Councilmember Polangin moved the adoption of Ordinance O-7-10. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by those members of the Council present.

B. City Council Participation in Leadership Training Programs - Councilmember Turner summarized his request for the City to provide \$1,250 to help underwrite his participation in the Leadership Prince George's program; the total cost is \$3,500. He said that in return he would forego attendance at the Maryland Municipal League Conference in October 2010, as well as the MML Convention next June. Mr. Turner suggested that Council engage in a policy discussion so that these types of training programs do not need to be dealt with in an ad hoc manner in the future.

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

Councilmember Truth moved approval of the staff recommendation. Councilmember Valentino-Smith seconded the motion. The motion carried with a vote of 4-2 (Brady, Polangin - nay).

Councilmember Valentino-Smith asked that the proposed policy as suggested by Councilmember Turner be added to a future agenda.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution R-58-10 - Adopting a Housing and Community Development Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2010 - Mr. Jesse Buggs, Grants Administrator, summarized the staff report dated September 7, 2010, a copy of which is on file at City Hall. He reported that the CAPER before Council is for the past fiscal year and discusses the activities for that period; in the Senior Housing program, 10 houses have been completed and are now moving on to the second phase of the program; the CAPER shows that the program is on track to spend the reserves during the next year; another 21 homes are being added; the CAPER requires that other items be looked at such as homelessness.

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

Following discussion and questions from Council, Councilmember Brady moved approval of Resolution R-58-10. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by those members of the Council present.

FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcos acknowledged the presence of Boy Scout Jacob Lee of Troop 403 who is working on a badge.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Brady moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a legal matter with counsel. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by those members of the Council present. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela A. Fleming, MMC
City Clerk