

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 6, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, May 6, 2019 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:

Mayor Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Esteve, Gardner, Marcos, Senn-Carter, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, Staff, the Press and the Public.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Robinson stated that Item B-Proclamation P-7-19 under presentations be moved to the May 20 meeting. City Manager Lott stated that Item B Charter Amendment CAR-1-19 and Item C Ordinance O-3-19 under Old Business be moved to the June 3 meeting.

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve and present Proclamation P-6-19 to Bowie City Clerk Awilda Hernandez Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of Municipal Clerks Week May 5-11, 2019. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

1. Councilmember Senn-Carter moved to appoint Cheryl Morris to the Community Outreach Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded motion. Motion passed 6-0.
2. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to appoint Kevin Doby to the Environmental Advisory Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.
3. Mayor Robinson swore-in the members to their respective committees.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of April 1 Regular Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-26-19 moved from Consent Agenda by Mayor Pro Tem Gardner for a separate vote; C) Approval of Resolution R-27-19 Accepting the Stormwater Management Construction Under the Permit SWM 5-18 at Hilltop Plaza Dunkin Donuts and Releasing

the Construction Securities Required Therewith; D) Approval of Resolution R-28-19 Adopting the Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2020 (HUD FY19); E) Approval of Resolution R-29-19 Awarding a Contract for Replacement of the Reception Desks at the Bowie Senior Center and Gymnasium; F) Approval of Resolution R-30-19 Waiving by a Two-Thirds Vote, the Bidding Requirements of Section 61 of the City Charter and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Annual Support Agreement With Convergeone to Provide Managed Services on the Telephone System; G) Approval of Resolution R-31-19 Accepting a Bid Proposal for the Replacement of Whitemarsh Park Pedestrian Bridge No. 1. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion and it passed 6-0.

Approval of Resolution R-26-19 Supporting the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development Neighborhood Businessworks Program Financing to Sky High Sports and Entertainment LLC for a Family Entertainment Center Within the Bowie Town Center at 15606 Emerald Way, Bowie, Maryland. Councilmember Marcos made a motion to approve Resolution R-26-19. Councilmember Senn-Carter seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Mayor Pro Tem Gardner recused himself from the vote).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. FY 2020 Budget, CIP and Constant Yield Tax Rate - Finance Director Matthews reported that municipalities are required by State law to place an advertisement in a local newspaper and to hold a public hearing on the Constant Yield Tax Rate. The City has complied with those requirements and is considering not decreasing the current tax rate of \$0.40 per \$100 of assessment.

Public Hearing:

1. Gary Allen, Bowie Environmental Advisory Committee Chair – (Comments attached)
2. Patty McCaughey, Chalford Lane – Spoke in support of continuing the funding for Phase II of the Heritage Trails.
3. Ken McCaughey, Chalford Lane - Spoke in support of continuing the funding for Phase II of the Heritage Trails.
4. Dustin Kuzan, Silver Maple Ct – Spoke in support of the fundindg for the Heritage Trail, as well as support for the EV readiness.

Since there were no speakers signed to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the Public Hearing to have been held.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Lobbyist Report – City Lobbyist, Mr. Lucchi reported on the bills that were passed during the 2019 General Assembly that impact the City. They included funding for projects at Tasker Middle School, Bowie State University, Huntington Heritage Society, Champs House, Capital Region Health Center and MD Route 197.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Senn-Carter seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Testimony Bowie city FY 2020 budget

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Gary G Allen, EAC Chair

Good evening Mr. Mayor and Council.

I would like to briefly highlight the Environmental Advisory Committee support for several items in the Budget presented to you this evening. I spoke at your earlier hearing and **will not repeat my comments** however in light of Council interest I've provided a copy of a draft Resolution on a City Green Fleets policy that the EAC originally recommended three years ago. In light on Council's interest in EV readiness and decarbonizing the City fleet perhaps you will consider this when your budget action is complete as a specific, timely and needed **council** direction to staff and as an example to our citizens.

This evening I wish to highlight only two additional items:

ONE Expand the pilot program for curbside pickup and composting of residential food waste to the entire city within next two years.

We are aware Staff is expanded this service but we can do more and do it more quickly By exploring composing on city owned property OR more aggressively pursuing contracting with the county to accept materials collected in Bowie in light of the expansion of county composing operations -----

Two Provide drop-off sites for key materials not recyclable through curbside pickup. **Example** clean Styrofoam containers and packaging -this is modest cost option Perhaps \$10,000 or less for three such sites. They can be added to provide a convenient, visible and needed alternative to landfilling a product that can last 500 plus years under ground.

I urge you to set an example and lead on these issues for our community.

They are smart and easy steps forward in addition to those highlighted in my earlier remarks

Green Fleet Resolution

Recommendation of the EAC to Bowie City Council in 2016

WHEREAS, the city of Bowie maintains a fleet of XXX vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the community routinely replaces fleet vehicles; and

WHEREAS The City of Bowie desires to reduce our use of fossil fuels and create greater budgetary and operational flexibility; and

WHEREAS, transportation source emissions have been linked to increased incidents of asthma, exposure to benzene and other harmful chemicals, and the formation of ground level OZONE all of which negatively impact the public health; and

WHEREAS, governmental bodies around the country, in partnership with the private sector have adopted Green Fleet policies, and are providing public leadership, operating fleets more efficiently, benefiting the environment, improving public health, and providing positive examples to the private sector; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie recognizes that energy use associated with the operation of its motor vehicle fleet exacerbates local air quality problems and results in greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie recognizes that it plays a role in improving local air quality and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by improving the energy efficiency of its fleet and reducing emissions from fleet operations, and that encouraging participation from the public and private sectors will make further improvement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie recognizes that by improving the energy efficiency of its fleet, monetary savings will result in the long term; and

WHEREAS, the City of Bowie wishes to establish a "Green Fleet" policy addressing the management, operation and procurement of fleet vehicles under the control of the City of Bowie in order to improve the energy efficiency of its fleet, reduce emissions from its fleet, and increase the capacity of the fleet to save municipal tax dollars; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Bowie establishes a policy defining the community's commitment to creating and maintaining a fuel efficient and environmentally responsible fleet of municipal vehicles by incrementally replacing fleet vehicles with Hybrid, Alternative Fueled Vehicles (AFV) and Electric Vehicles (EVs) where appropriate (code enforcement), and raising the fleet's average mileage and This

policy will further dictate procurement procedures and management changes to be reported to the Council within one year of enactment of this Resolution: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Bowie directs staff to establish measures of fleet average mileage based on appropriate vehicle classes and implement and report to the Council on the procurement vehicle program and annual feet efficiency for each class of vehicles to achieve at least an overall 3% mileage per year improvement in the total fleet average for the next decade.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Of Bowie will conduct public outreach through its EAC committee, Green Team and through it's web site Green Pages to encourage purchases of more efficient and alternatively fueled vehicles by both public and private entities; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the City of Bowie shall actively pursue Federal, State, and other incentive programs and grants to assist in this operational transition.