

## SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2022

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, January 10, 2022 in Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Pro Tem Boafu called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Esteve, Gardner, Harrison, Ndebumadu and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears and City Clerk Hernandez.

### DISCUSSION ON COVID-19 REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTERING CITY RECREATIONAL AND HISTORICAL PROPERTIES:

Mayor Adams introduced Dr. Sunil Madan, Chief Medical Officer, Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center, Ms. Deneen Richmond, President, Luminis Health Doctors Community Medical Center, Dr. Trudy Hall, University of Maryland Medical System and Dr. Obi Onyewu, Choice Pain & Rehabilitation Center who presented an update on the status of COVID cases in the state. Numbers are increasing fast and hospitals are struggling to provide care for the patients, majority of which are not vaccinated. They encourage everyone to get vaccinated.

Councilmember Esteve thanked the guests this evening and recognizes that this pandemic is a real thing and it is serious but after 22 months people need to start going back to living their lives as normal as possible. Majority of the buildings in the state and in Prince George's County that are open to the public, are only requiring that they wear a mask and the City should follow this as well.

Councilmember Esteve motioned that starting tomorrow (January 11, 2022) the Bowie City gym, the Bowie City ice arena and Bowie City historical properties impose only those rules as required by the County, namely the mask requirement, ask that to be enforced and ask that they drop any other requirements. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Councilmember Ndebumadu asked if Councilmember Esteve would consider a friendly amendment to his motion to request proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test considering that the County has closed their recreation facilities due to the rising numbers. Councilmember Esteve stated that no other facilities in the state is requiring this and he just wants the City to align their policies with other policies throughout the state. Motion passed via roll call vote 4-2 (Adams, Ndebumadu).

### ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to adjourn the Special City Council meeting. Councilmember Harrison second the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk