

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2022

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, April 4, 2022, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams 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 Bofo (virtually), Esteve, Gardner, Harrison, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Seven comments were received via email and are attached for the record.

### PRESENTATIONS:

Mr. Shelemiah Griffiths-Johnson, Chair of the Bowie Youth Council, presented their monthly report to council. The group is working on their first Town Hall meeting which will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the Kenhill Center.

### CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Esteve motioned to appoint Ms. Davina Hurt to the Community Outreach Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Adams swore-in Ms. Hurt to the Community Outreach Committee.

### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Harrison requested that staff update Council on the Water Filter Rebate program at their May 2 Council meeting.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported on the status of the water pipe replacement project which is still under the design phase and it is on pace to be completed by mid-June 2022. An RFP will be sent out at the end of June and it will take about 45 days from beginning to end of the RFP process.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Harrison made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of March 21, 2022 Meeting Minutes; B) Adoption of Resolution R-9-22 Allowing for the Reduction of the Performance Security Guaranteeing Construction of Private Stormwater Management at Melford Town Center Under Permit SWM 9-18-R3; C) Adoption of Resolution R-10-22 Awarding a Contract to BambooHR for the Purchase of a Human Resources Management System; D) Adoption of Resolution R-11-22 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Bowie Golf Course Tree Removal. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. "Equity, Housing, Transit, Climate: Metropolitan Washington Planning Framework for 2030 - Mr. Chuck Bean, Executive Director of the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, briefed Council on the organizations plans on housing, transit, equity and climate by 2030. They plan to elevate 350 Equity Emphasis Areas, which are areas with high concentrations of underserved residents; optimize 225 high-capacity transit station areas; and prioritizing sustainable energy access for all residents.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Bean for his presentation.

B. Bowie Ice Arena Site Fit Presentation – Mr. Tom Betti with the 292 Design Group presented to Council a Site Fit Analysis including a conceptual site plan, floor plan and cost estimate for the construction of a new one sheet ice arena on the property adjacent to the Bowie golf course. The estimated cost is \$20,712,017.00.

Councilmember Woolfley asked what the difference between LEED Silver and LEED Certified is. Mr. Betti responded that there are additional costs associated with the Silver designation versus just Certified that cause projects to be higher in cost. The projects can begin with LEED Certified and down the line they can be upgraded to LEED Silver.

Councilmember Harrison asked if a traffic study was done in the proposed site. Mr. Betti responded that it was done, and it showed no major impact.

Councilmember Harrison then asked what the timeframe for the project would be. Mr. Betti responded it could be a two to three-year project from beginning to end depending on permitting process and availability of materials.

Councilmember Gardner asked what the total square footage for the facility would be. Mr. Betti responded about 41,500 sq. ft.

Mayor Adams thanked Mr. Betti for his presentation and stated that Council will be discussing the project during the budget worksessions in the next few weeks.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting and move to close session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, State Government Article §3-305(b)(1): "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more

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specific individuals". Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk

## Awilda Hernandez

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**From:** Sarah Kirby Smith <se.kirby11@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 12:54 PM  
**To:** Awilda Hernandez; Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafu; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu  
**Subject:** {EXTERNAL}: New Bowie Ice Rink- City of Bowie Council Meeting

Dear Council and Mayor,

I am writing in support of moving forward with the replacement of the existing Bowie Ice Arena. The Ice Arena has over 50 years of history in the community and offers affordable programming for all ages and levels. This Council made a commitment to maintain ice in the community at a meeting back in September. Please honor that commitment and move forward without further delay. The ice arena has been an ongoing discussion for over a decade with millions of dollars wasted and the price tag is only going to keep increasing.

My family & I have been a part of the Ice Arena in Bowie for over a year now. We've utilized the open skates, skating lessons, the Learn to play, and then my 6yo played on the BHC mites this year. We are looking forward to many more years of Bowie Ice, to help keep the community that we were so welcomed into. Keeping your commitment to the Ice Arena in Bowie, allows for more options for youth, families and an incredible asset to the community. It's now time for the upgrade that is so needed.

Thank you so much for your time.  
Sarah Smith

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**From:** Kim Derocher <kimderocher@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 1:04 PM  
**To:** Rosann Ndebumadu; Dufour Woolfley; Michael Esteve; Ingrid Harrison; Henri Gardner; Adrian Bofo; Timothy Adams; Awilda Hernandez  
**Subject:** {EXTERNAL}: Please continue your support of Ice in our City!

Dear Council and Mayor,

My family supports all recreation in Bowie. We have men to many council meetings over the past 10 years, and have written many latter's, and and were even to the ground breaking ceremony at the former NEW RINK location. Please keep your commitment from last fall to continue ice in the City of Bowie. The Bowie Ice Arena celebrated 50 years of serving the community this season and we want to ensure there is ice for the next generation of skaters. We support courts, fields and the senior center too but the existing Ice Arena has passed it's useful life and is in need of replacement asap. Please direct staff to move forward with the new ice project at tonight's meeting.  
Thank you,

Kim Derocher  
Ark Ct, 20716

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**From:** Curran, Elizabeth A <Elizabeth.A.Curran@medstar.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 1:27 PM  
**To:** Timothy Adams; Adrian Boafó; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Awilda Hernandez; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu  
**Subject:** {EXTERNAL}: New bowie ice rink!

Good afternoon,

I'm certain you all have received multiple emails and letters and witnessed several in person claims of why the new ice rink is wanted and needed. I also seriously doubt my ability to provide you with any more information that you don't already know about why the new rink is a good idea. I do want to make sure that my voice is heard in this debate as at least one more vote in favor of the new rink.

Cancelling out the previously approved new rink for more basketball courts was a huge slap in the face. 11 million dollars had already been spent on the construction. That is an astronomical waste!! Bowie already has 2 indoor basketball courts and 7 outdoor courts while we only have 1 ice rink that is in serious need of repair. We were all given access to the inspection notice and quote for repairs for our current rink. It is safe to say we need a new rink! Several interviews from city elected officials stated it was not cancelled due to Covid and even stated the city was still in a surplus for its budget.

Once you add a second sheet of ice you add so much to the program. You can now offer twice the practice time (thus improving team abilities) you can offer private and group lessons (increased revenue) and you can hold tournaments (significant increase in revenue.) Our teams always have to travel for tournament thus giving money to the other rinks and cities. We are purchasing hotel rooms, food, souvenirs and such every time we travel. That is money that could be had in Bowie if we were bringing the teams to us.

While we have all but given up hope on a double sheet rink we are still very adamant about the need for a new rink! If you have any questions about the quality of our rink vs even another PG county rink please go look at The Gardens Ice House or Tucker Road Ice Rink. Both are updated and much larger than we have. Laurel even has a training rink in the back for private lessons.

While I unfortunately won't be able to make the meeting tonight since I will be at hockey practice with my son. I do ask that you read through all the emails and hear all the people who are able to go in person. The ice hockey family is a tight knit group who deals with a lot so our kids can chase their dreams and have fun. We all deserve better than what the city is giving us right now.

Elizabeth Curran  
(Hockey mom)

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**From:** Lisa Cho <lisa.cho@seiu.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 1:33 PM  
**To:** Rosann Ndebumadu; Dufour Woolfley; Michael Esteve; Ingrid Harrison; Henri Gardner; Adrian Boaf; Timothy Adams; Awilda Hernandez  
**Subject:** {EXTERNAL}: New Bowie Ice Rink

Dear Council and Mayor,

I am writing in support of having the City of Bowie move forward on the construction of a new single sheet ice facility immediately. Please don't disappoint the community! Please direct staff to move forward with the construction of a new Bowie Ice Rink. The report being presented this evening clearly shows that costs are only continuing to increase. Please don't waste any more time or money – let's get this project done now. No more delays; no more studies; replace the existing ice arena with one that will serve the next generation of skaters.

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Lisa Cho  
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## **Awilda Hernandez**

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**From:** Kelly Seaton <KSeaton@jaspersrestaurants.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 1:34 PM  
**To:** Awilda Hernandez  
**Subject:** {EXTERNAL}: Letter to read at tonight's meeting

Good evening, Mayor and Councilmembers,

I am writing to you today to urge you to keep your promise of building a new 1-sheet ice rink in the City of Bowie.

Many residents of Bowie use the existing facility, not just for hockey and figure skating, but for the public sessions, lessons and summer camps. I dropped my son and his friends off to skate this weekend, all of whom are residents of Bowie and love to skate on the weekends.

Losing an amenity like this would be detrimental to our wonderful city.

*Kelly Seaton*

20+ year resident  
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## Awilda Hernandez

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**From:** Bill <vwchop@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 5:08 PM  
**To:** Michael Esteve; Awilda Hernandez  
**Subject:** {EXTERNAL}: Bowie Ice facility

Mr. Esteve and Bowie City Council,

Unfortunately I may not be able to make it to the council meeting tonight as I am scheduled to be coaching the kids at the Bowie Ice Rink this evening.

As a city resident of more than 50 years and one that uses this facility almost every week that it is open, I wanted to make sure that the council knows that it is getting beyond ridiculous what you have been doing to the skating community and the 51 year old facility.

For more than 10 years you have been told by the experts that the current facility has lived past it's life expectancy. As the council drags their feet the cost of everything has done nothing but increase. It is time to move forward with the new facility and stop this political show.

If the previous contract had been continued as it should have been there would not have been a waste of millions of dollars and we would not still be dealing with this, in fact we would be currently using the facility and bringing money in.

Respectfully,

Bill Schmidt  
12414 Sarah Ln.  
Bowie, MD 20715

## Awilda Hernandez

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**From:** Stephen Italy <staliano78@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 4, 2022 6:59 PM  
**To:** Awilda Hernandez; Timothy Adams; abofo@cityofboiwe.org; Henri Gardner; Ingrid Harrison; Michael Esteve; Dufour Woolfley; Rosann Ndebumadu  
**Subject:** {EXTERNAL}: New Ice Arena

Greetings,

I implore all of you to support the construction of the proposed new ice rink at Bowie Golf Club. Unlike most sports and recreation, figure skating, ice hockey and recreational skating require infrastructure in our climatic zone. The City of Bowie has had a reputation as a great place to raise a family and amenities such as the current Ice Arena should be expanded to allow more young kids to develop their skills. The Bowie Hockey Club has assisted countless young kids to experience the fun and character building aspects of playing hockey. The figure skating groups have likewise done the same in respect to their sport. It is vital that the city continues to support these and other sports for the development of our youth. Basketball is likewise a great sport for youth but it requires much less of an investment.

Thank you for your consideration,

Stephen Italiano  
~resident of the Pointer Ridge Section of Bowie