

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 2022

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, April 18, 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 (virtually), Councilmembers Boafo (virtually), Esteve, Harrison, Ndebumadu (virtually) and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Jeffrey Cooper, Dunwood Crossing – Spoke in regard to legislation for foreclosed properties in the City.

### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Harrison mentioned that she attended the first meeting with Bowie State University about the use of the Race Track property. Staff will continue to work with them and prepare a presentation for Council.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported that on the May 2 Council meeting agenda, there will be an update to Council on the results of a fact-finding meeting held with WSSC about the City's water service.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Harrison made a motion to approve Consent Agenda items: A) Approval of April 4, 2022 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of April 11, 2022 Special Meeting Minutes; C) Adoption of Proclamation P-7-22 Proclaiming April 22, 2022 as Earth Day in the City of Bowie; D) Adoption of Proclamation P-8-22 Proclaiming April 30, 2022 as Arbor Day in the City of Bowie; E) Adoption of Resolution R-14-22 Awarding a Contract for Fields Drainage Improvements at Church Road Park. Councilmember Ndebumadu seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Adoption of Resolution R-13-22 for Water Service Connection for the Property at 15460 Annapolis Road – Ms. Hong Yin, Public Works Assistant Director summarized the staff report. Kimley-Horne and Associates, Inc. submitted an application to request a modified water service connection at the property located at 15460 Annapolis Road. Staff recommends approval of the water service connection pending successful completion of all conditions set forth in design and construction.

**Public Hearing:**

Since there was no one signed up to speak and there were no comments submitted, Mayor Adams declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Harrison motioned to adopt Resolution R-13-22. Councilmember Woolfley second the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE INTO BUDGET WORKSESSION #2:**

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting and move into Budget Worksession #2. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Budget Worksession #2 began at 8:10 p.m.

**RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION:**

Mayor Pro Tem motioned to reconvene into regular session for the purpose of moving into close session. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Regular session reconvened at 9:31 p.m.

**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 specific individuals”, and §3-305(b)(7): “To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice”. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")  
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

This form has two sides. *Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.*

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting;** Date: 4-18-22; Time: 9:32; Location: City Hall;  
Motion to close meeting made by: Doafo Seconded by Wolfley;  
Members in favor: TA IH MEDWAB RN; Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_;  
Abstaining: \_\_\_\_\_; Absent: Gardner.

2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**  
**This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:**

(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 specific individuals"; (2)  "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3)  "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4)  "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5)  "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6)  "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7)  "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8)  "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9)  "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10)  "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11)  "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12)  "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13)  "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14)  "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." (15)  "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	Settlement Terms	Litigation Settlement
§3-305(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1	Personnel Matter	Discuss personnel appointment
§3-305(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 7	Property Foreclosures	Foreclosure laws
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4. This statement is made by Samothy J. Adams, Presiding Officer.

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**WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)**

➤ For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:

Time of closed session: 9:37  
 Place: City Hall  
 Purpose(s): (1) Personnel Matter (7) Litigation Settlement (1) Foreclosures  
 Members who voted to meet in closed session: Adams Harrison Esteve Woolfley Deato Ndeburmado  
 Persons attending closed session: Adams Harrison Esteve Woolfley Deato Ndeburmado Levan Lott Meers  
 Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (1) (7)  
 Topics actually discussed: Personnel, Litigation, Foreclosure  
 Actions taken: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Each recorded vote: \_\_\_\_\_

➤ For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Persons present: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subjects discussed: \_\_\_\_\_