



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2020

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, February 3, 2020 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:06 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 Boaf, Esteve, Gardner, and Harrison, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press and the Public.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Councilmember Esteve made a motion that Item C under Consent Agenda – Approval of Resolution R-15-20 be moved to New Business for further discussion. Mayor Pro Tem Boaf seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Boaf motioned to table Amber Ridge Preliminary Plan #4-19032 and Detailed Site Plan #DSP-19040 under Old Business. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Linda Cooper, Kembridge Dr – Spoke with Girl Scout Troop to encourage Council's support of a Nature Center in the City.
2. Rosario Ideo, Pointer Ridge Dr – Asked Council if there was going to be a representative from the City at the County Hearing on the Amber Ridge development since it was removed from tonight's agenda.
3. Alveta Addison, Prince of Wales Ct – Spoke in opposition of the Amber Ridge development.

CITY BOARD AND COMMITTEES:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Boaf moved to appoint Alita Geri-Carter to the Education Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Adams swore-in Ms. Geri-Carter.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported that staff is in the midst of preparing the FY 2021 budget.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Esteve moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of November 25 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-14-20 Waiving by Two-Thirds Vote the Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the City Charter, to Allow the City to Enter Into a Contract With Conduent State & Local Solutions, Inc. (Conduent) to Provide a Photo Speed Enforcement Program; D) Approval of Resolution R-16-20 Authorizing an Administrative Services Agreement Between the City and the International City Managers Association Retirement Corporation in Order to Change the Mutual Fund Share Class of Investments by Covered Employees in Order to Reduce the Fees Paid by Employee Investors and to Allow the City to Receive an Annual Administrative Allowance that May be Used by the City for the Benefit of the Plan Participants. Mayor Pro Tem Boafu seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Ordinance O-1-20 Repealing and Re-enacting Chapter 2, "Administration", Article V, "Public Ethics", to Amend Section 2-71.F., "Financial Disclosure-Elected Officials and Candidates to be Elected Officials" – Assistant City Manager Mears summarized the ordinance. The ordinance includes provisions required by adopted State law as to home addresses that are reported on Financial Disclosure Statements will be confidential from public disclosure, and a new category under Schedule H of the financial disclosure statement would require the disclosure of the filer's spouse if the spouse is a regulated lobbyist.

Councilmember Esteve motioned to approve Ordinance O-1-20. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on Environmental Initiatives - Mr. Gary Allen, Chair of the Bowie Environmental Advisory Committee presented the next 10 steps to make Bowie Green FY 2021. Those steps include adopting a Climate Action Plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, promote new Master Plan that protects green infrastructure, provide a natural exploration area for children complemented by educational programs benefited by the construction of a Nature Center in the city, expand curbside food scrap composting program city-wide and enhance staff professional development for promoting sustainability in their areas of responsibility.

Councilmember Harrison asked if there are any grants that would help some of these implementations the committee is looking to do. Mr. Allen said they would like to work with City staff to explore those options if available.

Councilmember Esteve asked if with the renovations that are being done at Whitmarsh Park if there are plans for a Nature Center there. City Manager Lott replied that there is not.

B. Approval of Resolution R-15-20 Authorize Payment of Fee-In-Lieu to Prince George's County for Traffic Signal at Church Road and Fairview Vista Drive as Part of Construction of New Ice Arena.

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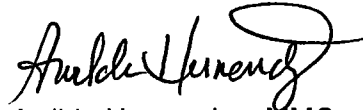
Mayor Pro Tem Boafa asked City Manager Lott if Church Road is a City road. Mr. Lott responded that it is not, it is a County road but since a majority of City residents reside on that road the City found it prudent to help mitigate any traffic concerns on Church Road with the County.

Councilmember Esteve made a motion at approve Resolution R-15-20. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafa moved to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk