



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, November 3, 2014 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Truth, Councilmembers Brady (Arrived 8:06p.m.), Marcos, Polangin and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Gary Allen, on behalf of the Environmental Advisory Committee, commented on new changes and regulations of items that are considered recyclable.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson reminded citizens to vote on Election Day, November 4th.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on the leaf collection program that will run through mid-December; the Bowie Senior Center has again received National Accreditation from the National Accreditation of Senior Centers, it is the only Senior Center in the State of Maryland to have received this recognition.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of Resolution R-67-14 – Accepting the Unimproved 50 Foot Wide, Public Right-of-Way of Myrtle Avenue, South of Crutchfield Avenue, for the Purpose of Constructing a Hiker-Biker Trail Segment of the Bowie Heritage Trail and Providing Future Maintenance of the Right-of-Way; B) Approval of Resolution R-68-14 – Accepting the Deed for a Stormwater Management Parcel in the Adnell Woods Huntington City Subdivision, Also Known as all of Parcel A, Block 36, and all of Parcels B and C, Block 37, as Shown on a Plat Recorded Among the Land Records of Prince George's County in Plat Book Rep 207, Plat Number 94, and Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Record the Deed to the City. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

MAYOR G. Frederick Robinson **MAYOR PRO TEM** Isaac C. Truth

COUNCIL Dennis Brady ♦ Henri Gardner ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Todd M. Turner **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch
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NEW BUSINESS:

A. Emerald Ash Borer – Mr. Rick Kellner, Community Forester briefed Council on Emerald Ash Borer infestation on city trees. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office. There have been confirmed infestations on ash trees in Belair Greens, Collington Manor, Longleaf, Buckingham and Kenilworth neighborhoods. Parks & Grounds crew continues to observe, inspect and assess ash trees throughout the City to determine if they need to be removed or could be treated with a pesticide; either route is costly and funds will need to be budgeted.

Councilmember Polangin asked if an infested tree is removed and replaced with a different healthy tree, will the new tree also be in danger of getting infested with the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. Kellner replied that it only affects Ash trees.

Councilmember Truth asked if the trees in the J Section are more or less than 30% infected. Mr. Kellner replied that they were more than 30% infected and that is why they were removed. Councilmember Truth also asked if the HOA was contacted in regards to this situation and Mr. Kellner replied that they did and they also went door to door informing residents of the situation.

Councilmember Brady asked if the process will be done all in house or looking to contract out. Mr. Kellner replied that the intent is to contract out the majority of the work.

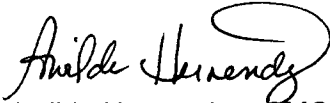
City Manager Deutsch made a budget comment; this issue was brought to Council about two years ago and Council approved a three year allocation of funds at \$32,000 a year in the CIP. No funds were used during Fiscal Year 2014 and so far none has been spent in Fiscal Year 2015. Mr. Kellner and his crew will continue to monitor the situation and a report will be presented to Council for approval as to the recommended treatment of the infested trees and the costs associated with those treatments before any new implementation is performed.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Kellner for the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk