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City Council Selects H. L. Dufour Woolfley, Jr. to Fill Council Vacancy

Today, the Bowie City Council selected H. L. Dufour Woolfley, Jr. to replace Todd Turner as an At-Large member of the Council. Mr. Woolfley will take the oath of office at the Council's next regular meeting on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 and will serve until November 3, 2015 when the next City election will take place.

Candidates for the seat were interviewed by Councilmembers in closed sessions on Saturday, January 10th and Monday, January 12th. Each of the applicants was allotted 15 minutes to answer a series of questions posed by Councilmembers. There were initially 36 individuals vying for the vacant seat, but 6 dropped out prior to the interviews and one withdrew at the time of the interview, leaving a field of 29 candidates for Councilmembers to choose from.

Because of the large number of applicants and the fact that the interviews were spread over two days, Council decided to close the interviews to the press and public to allow all candidates an equal opportunity to hear and answer the questions, without the benefit of hearing the responses of those who came before them. The authority to close a meeting for personnel matters and appointments is permitted under the Maryland Open Meetings Act. The interviews will be available as videos on demand from the City website at www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings and will be broadcast on the government channel (Verizon 10/Comcast 71) on January 14, 15, and 17 at 6:30 p.m.

In announcing the selection, Mayor G. Frederick Robinson thanked all of the candidates for their interest in serving and said he appreciated and admired each of them for being involved in this important process.

Mr. Woolfley lives in the Long Ridge neighborhood of Bowie. He is employed by the Department of the Treasury and has been active in City affairs, having served on the Bowie Financial Advisory Committee, the City's Strategic Planning Initiative, and the Elections Task Force.

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