



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
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REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, February 2, 2015 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, Gardner, Marcos, Polangin and Woolfley; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc Bashoor – spoke about the new program the Fire Department started called Adopt a Neighborhood Initiative, which allows businesses to adopt certain neighborhoods and sponsor the installation of smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to homes that do not have them and help them be better prepared for emergencies.

Councilmember Marcos made a commitment that his business, T.J. Elliott's, will adopt neighborhoods in Old Bowie.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on 1) The Land Use Bill will be heard on Thursday by the By-County Committee of the Prince George's House Delegation; City staff and Mr. Lucchi will be in attendance. 2) Council approved a change in the distribution of the City newsletter, the first edition as a purchased page in the Bowie Blade News was published last week. 3) Governor Hogan's budget does not provide good news on the HUR; it has municipalities reverting back to funds that were received three years ago, which for the City was about \$400k.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of January 20 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Proclamation P-1-15 Recognizing February 2015 as "Black History Month"; C) Approval of Resolution R-10-15 Approving Variance Application BV-1-15, A Request by Ms. Patricia Bell to Allow the Construction of Approximately 220 Linear Feet of Six Foot High Fencing Along Northview Drive When, According to the Prince George's County Zoning

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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Ordinance, Such Fencing Shall Not be More Than Four (4) Feet High, at 15103 Nader Court; D) Approval of Resolution R-11-15 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow the City to Enter Into a Contract With Xerox State & Local Solutions, Inc. (Xerox) to Provide a Photo Speed Enforcement Program; E) Approval of Resolution R-13-15 Approving a Settlement Agreement With Comcast of Maryland, Inc.; F) Approval of Resolution R-14-15 Awarding a Contract to Evergreen Solutions, LLC in the Amount of \$58,000 for the Completion of a Classification and Compensation Study; G) Approval of Letter to Prince George's County Board of Education re: FY 2016 Budget. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Environmental Initiatives – Mr. Gary Allen, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Committee, highlighted the next ten steps toward a Green Bowie for 2015. Some of these steps include the authorization of a grants program for Bowie schools to participate in the Maryland Green Schools program; approval of a three year residential solar energy property tax credit as an incentive for the City's Climate Action Plan, complete a study and pilot for composting residential food waste, transition city street lights to LED lighting and place assessment for construction of Nature Center in CIP for 2016.

Councilmember Woolfley asked if there was a cost analysis or breakdown of when the city would get their return on investment if they changed all the city street lights to LED lighting. Mr. Allen replied it would probably be in the seven to ten year range.

City Manager Deutsch commented the city currently has a pilot study for LED lighting in the Ensleigh neighborhood.

Councilmember Gardner asked how many municipalities have a nature center in Maryland. Mr. Allen replied that there is one in Rockville that is sponsored by the city and about a half dozen that are sponsored by Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning.

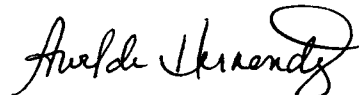
Councilmember Brady suggested that the EAC put together an RFP type of report having to do with the nature center delineating what the benefits are, what the expected costs would be, are there opportunities for partnerships either in the financial side or on technical side.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Allen for his presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Trough moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk