



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2015

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, February 17, 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, Polangin and Woolfley; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

### AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Robinson mentioned that Item D under Presentations was being moved to the March 2 Council Meeting.

### PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Mayor Robinson swore-in three new Police Officers to the Bowie Police Department; Ms. Janet Blunt, Mr. Eric Edwards and Mr. Richard Williams.
- B. Ms. Tara Kelley-Baker and Mr. Michael Semeniuk representing CLAW presented a check to Council to defray the cost of construction of the City's animal holding facility.
- C. Mayor Pro Tem Truth made a motion to approve Proclamation P-2-15 Congratulating the Bowie High School Cheerleading Competition Squad, Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0. Mayor Pro Tem Truth then presented the proclamation to the Cheerleading Squad.
- E. Councilmember Brady presented the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association to Mr. Byron Matthews, City Finance Director.

### CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

1. Councilmember Polangin made a motion to appoint Mr. Nathaniel Elliott to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
2. Councilmember Polangin made a motion to appoint Ms. Muzar Jah and Mr. Scott Hessberger to the Financial Advisory Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.
3. Mayor Robinson swore-in the members to their respective committees.

**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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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on 1) The Prince George's District Council will be hearing the appeal case for Melford on February 23 at 10:00a.m., City staff will be in attendance; 2) The Land Use Bill met its demise due to lack of votes from the Bi-County Committee, Delegate Valentino-Smith pulled the bill; 3) The City had its first tenant in the Temporary Animal Holding room this week, the dog has several families interested in adopting him.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of February 2 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-12-15 Accepting Bid Proposal for Solar Photovoltaic Installation at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and the Streets/Utilities Building of the Public Works Department; C) Approval of Resolution R-15-15 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of City Charter, Section 61(B) for Good Cause Shown and Awarding the Purchase of Thirteen (13) In-Car Cameras for Police Vehicles to Kustom Signals, Inc.; D) Approval of Resolution R-16-15 Approving the Fourth Amendment to the Lease Between the City of Bowie and Fred Ryder Enterprises, Inc., D/B/A Bowie Golf and Country Club (Belair Golf Course); E) Approval of Resolution R-18-15 Accepting Bid to Repair the Flocculator Shafting and Associated Bearings and Supports to Compartment #1 of Flocculator #4 at the Water Treatment Plant. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Police Department Update – Police Chief Nesky and Deputy Chief Preston briefed Council on department statistics, programs and the status of in-house call center. Staffing is currently at 58 sworn officers; 2 officer candidates for the upcoming County academy and 1 opening for lateral positions. The department continues to have high visibility patrol in the Midwood Lane area and enforcing truancy laws. There will be an item in the FY 16 Budget for the purchase of body cameras. The crime and citation statistics for the department are in a downward trend which is good. The timetable for the call center has been pushed back a little due to the county moving to a new CAD system, working with them on training dates. They are also going to a new records management system and offering it to municipalities free of charge which means it will be a \$12,000 savings for the City.

Councilmember Woolfley asked if there are any standards for the body cameras. Police Chief responded that there are guidelines and policies; when to turn cameras on and when to use them and items of that sort.

Councilmember Brady wanted to know if the officers will be informing citizens that they are being recorded. Chief Nesky replied that as soon as they approach someone they will have to announce it, sort of the same as when they use the in-car cameras; it is all part of the policies and procedures.

Mayor Robinson thanked Chief Nesky and Deputy Chief Preston for the updates and the job the department is performing.

B. Mid-Year Budget Review - City Manager Deutsch provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2015 mid-year budget as contained in the report dated February 17, 2015, a copy of which is on file at City Hall. Mr. Deutsch highlighted items in the report including the new format of distribution of the City's newsletter being printed in the Bowie Blade-News, providing evening and Saturday programs

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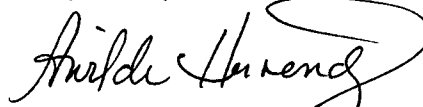
for seniors at the Senior Center, new landscaping at the gymnasium; the continuation of the implementation of the Green Team Action Plan; continuing efforts for retail tenant attraction and retention. Mr. Deutsch went on to report on the financial summary contained in the report as well as the water and sewer funds. General Fund Revenues are 3.5% more than at this time last year and expenditures are 1.6% lower.

Following comments from Councilmembers, Mayor Robinson thanked City Manager Deutsch and staff for the report.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Awilda Hernandez, CMG  
City Clerk