



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, March 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:

Boy Scout Troop 403 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Truth, Councilmembers Brady, Gardner (Arrived 8:05pm) 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. Ms. Lisa Smith representing Bowie BIC briefed Council on 2014 highlights from the center.
2. Michelle Balfe representing the Bowie Green Team Committee invited Council and citizens to a performance being held on April 18 at 7 p.m. at the Bowie Center for Performing Arts.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Art Contest Winners – Ms. Elveeda Dixon, Chair of the Diversity Committee introduced and presented awards to the winners of the coloring, poster and video categories. A list of the winners is attached hereto. Mayor Robinson congratulated the contest winners on behalf of the Council and thanked the Diversity Committee for an outstanding job and effort they did on the contest.
- B. Representatives of Boy Scout Troop 403 presented a check for \$950 to the Bowie Food Pantry.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

1. Councilmember Polangin made a motion to appoint Ms. Nefertari Johnson to the Community Outreach Committee for a two-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
2. Councilmember Marcos made a motion to appoint Mr. Sherman Ragland to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
3. Mayor Pro Tem Truth made a motion to appoint Mr. Karl Stehmer to the Ethics Commission for a two-year term. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

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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4. Mayor Robinson swore-in the members to their respective committees.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on: 1) Joint press conference that will be held on March 4th at 11 a.m. with City Council, Prince George's County Executive Mr. Rushern Baker and Mr. Brian Berman from Berman Enterprises announcing Harris Teeter as one of the main stores that will be opening in the Bowie Marketplace Shopping Center; 2) Update on costs of winter storms that have occurred in the past few weeks, so far 73% of the budget has been used.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of February 17 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-17-15 To Modify Certain City Sustainable Community Boundaries As Required by the Maryland Smart Growth Subcommittee; C) Approval of Resolution R-19-15 Allowing for the Reduction of the Performance Security Guaranteeing Construction of Private Stormwater Management at Melford (UMSTC) Under Permit PSWM1-0304; D) Approval of Resolution R-20-15 Allowing for the Reduction of the Performance Security Guaranteeing Construction of Private Stormwater Management at Melford (UMSTC) Under Permit PSWM2-0304; E) Approval of Resolution R-21-15 Amending Resolution R-93-98 to Expand the Membership of the Bowie Arts Committee From Nine to Eleven Members; F) Approval of Resolution R-22-15 Amending Resolution R-24-83 to Expand the Membership of the Community Recreation Committee to Include a Youth Member; G) Introduction of Ordinance O-4-15 Amending City Code Chapter 2 "Administration", Article V, "Public Ethics" to Add an Additional Alternate Member to the Bowie Ethics Commission, and Generally Relating to the Bowie Ethics Commission. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Annexation Resolution R-6-15 Annexing Into the City Lands Contiguous and Adjoining to the City's Existing Corporate Boundary, Property Known as Parcel 316 on Prince George's County Tax Map 37, Also Known as 6700 Laurel Bowie Road, and a Portion of the Maryland Route 197 Right-of-Way, Approximately 14 Feet Wide by 274 Feet Long, Located on the West Side of Maryland Route 197, North of Millstream Drive.

City Manager Deutsch, summarized the staff report and recommends approval of Resolution R-6-15.

Public Hearing:

Since there were no speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Marcos made a motion to approve Resolution R-6-15 Annexing Parcel 316 and a portion of MD Rt 197 Right-of-Way for a total of 1.21419 acres of land. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bowie Town Center Update – Mr. Bill Shipp, Mr. Steve Andrews and Ms. Laura Stafford briefed Council on current issues and events occurring at the shopping center. The center opened four new stores in 2014 and three stores had major renovations. So far in 2015, two new stores have

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opened and a third one should be opening its doors by the end of April. The center has also planned several community and family events that will be held throughout the year at the center.

Following comments from Councilmembers, Mayor Robinson thanked the representatives for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move to Close Session under Statutory Authority to Close Session, State Government Article, §3-305(b)(1): To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals; §3-305(b)(4): To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State, and §3-305(b)(7): To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 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 of the last name.

Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk

**City of Bowie
Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest
2015 Winners**

Coloring Category (Kindergarten - Second Grade)

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Joseph Harrison	St. Pius X Regional School	K	First	\$100
Gabrielle Patterson	Tulip Grove Elementary School	2	Second	\$50
DeJa Stancil	St. Pius X Regional School	2	Third	\$25

Poster Category (Third - Fifth Grade)

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Joshua Leedy	High Bridge Elementary School	5	First	\$100
Makenzie Rogers	Pointer Ridge Elementary School	4	Second	\$50
Miyah Doans	Pointer Ridge Elementary School	4	Third	\$25

Video Category (Sixth - Twelfth Grade)

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Elizabeth Allen	St. John's College High School	11	First	\$100
Samantha Friskey	Georgetown Visitation High School	11	Second (tie)	\$50
Aminju & Aminkeng	Bowie High School (joint entry)	9 & 12	Second (tie)	\$50

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Date: 3/2/15 Time: 9:00pm Location: CHHS2 Motion to close meeting made by: Truth
Seconded by Brady, Members voting in favor: Robinson, Polangin, Truth, Woolfley
Manos, Brady, Gardner Opposed: _____ Abstaining: _____ Absent: _____

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (check all that apply):

- (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;
- (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
- (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
- (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;
- (5) To consider the investment of public funds;
- (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;
- (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;
- (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
- (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;
- (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
- (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
- (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
- (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
- (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

- §3-305(b) (1) Council discussed the appointment to serve a City Committee.
- §3-305(b) (4) Council discussed the annexation of an area into the city.
- §3-305(b) (7) Council conferred with legal counsel on a legal strategy.

This statement is made by Maya Robinson, Presiding Officer: [Signature]
SIGNATURE

WORKSHEET FOR USE IN CLOSED SESSION (CHECKLIST OF DISCLOSURES TO BE MADE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING- NOT A PART OF THE CLOSING STATEMENT)

PERSONS ATTENDING CLOSED SESSION: Robinson, Truth, Brady, Woolfley, Manos, Brady, Gardner, Levan, Pounds, Deutsch, Cuchi, Fitzwater, Menech, King

TOPICS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED see above

ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY) AND RECORDED VOTES: _____

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 10:55 PM

PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION Bowie City Hall

PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: see above

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) (); (); () see above

MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: see above