



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, March 16, 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. Ms. Terry Morris spoke in regards to animal control issues in the Princeton Square neighborhood.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

1. Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to appoint Ms. Heike Nyland to the Diversity Committee for a two-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0. Mayor Robinson swore-in Ms. Nyland to Diversity Committee.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported: 1) City street sweeping began today, each neighborhood will be visited every 7 weeks between now and November; 2) Update on costs of winter storms that have occurred in the past weeks, up to 95% of the budget has been used.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of March 2 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Proclamation P-3-15 Proclaiming April 2015 as Earth Month in Bowie; C) Approval of Resolution R-24-15 Approving the Appointment of Frederick C. Sussman as Counsel to the City of Bowie Ethics Commission; D) Introduction of Ordinance O-6-15 Amending the Bowie City Code, to Elect, Pursuant to MD. Code Ann., Labor and Emp. Art., §9-683.6, to Subject City Employees Covered by the Maryland Worker's Compensation Act Who Are Subject to §9-503 Thereof, and Their Dependents, to Sections 9-683.1 Through 9-683.5 of Said Article. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 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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OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval 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.

City Attorney Levan, summarized the staff report and recommends approval of Ordinance O-4-15.

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Polangin made a motion to approve Ordinance O-4-15 Adding an alternate member to the Bowie Ethics Commission. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Alert Bowie 2.0 Presentation – Ms. Una Cooper, Communications Coordinator for the City briefed Council on the features and benefits of Alert Bowie 2.0. The City has offered the free alerting system to residents since 2006 which provides emergency alerts, public safety notices and informational messages to residents. As of March 11, 2015 there are 4,000 subscribers. The City is able to provide this service via a funding grant from the Department of Homeland Security.

Following comments from Councilmembers, Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Cooper for the 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)(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 9:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk

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

Date: 3/16/15 Time: 9:15 Location: CH 182 Motion to close meeting made by: Truth

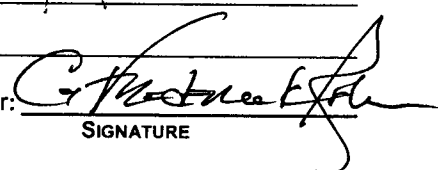
Seconded by Brady, Members voting in favor: Truth, Brady, Gardner, Marcos
Robinson, Polansky, Woolley Opposed: _____ Abstaining _____ Absent _____

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) () To consult w. m attorney on local election matter.
- §3-305(b) () To discuss negotiating strategy concerning a proposed contract.
- §3-305(b) () _____

This statement is made by Maya Robinson, Presiding Officer: 
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, Gardner, Marcus, Polansky, Woolley, Deutsch, Fitzwater, Levan

TOPICS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED See above

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

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 9:50 pm
PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION Bowie City Hall
PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: See above
STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) () ; () ; ()
MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: All