



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, April 20, 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:

Prince George's County Council Member Todd Turner briefed Council and citizens on the County Budget for Fiscal Year 2016.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Proclamation P-5-15 Declaring May 2015 as Business Appreciation Month in Bowie

Councilmember Marcos made a motion to approve Proclamation P-5-15. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 7-0.

Councilmember Marcos presented the proclamation to Mr. Ed Leyden and Mr. David Emmanuel with the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce.

B. Proclamation P-8-15 Congratulating Leonard L. Lucchi on receiving the National Eagle Scout Association Outstanding Eagle Scout Award

Councilmember Polangin made a motion to approve Proclamation P-8-15. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously 7-0.

Mayor Robinson presented the proclamation to Mr. Lucchi.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

1. Councilmember Marcos made a motion to appoint Ms. Denise Martin to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
2. Councilmember Polangin made a motion to appoint Ms. LaAndra Y. DeShields to the Community Outreach Committee for a two-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
3. Mayor Robinson swore-in the members to their respective committees.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Brady announced an art show and performance that will take place Sunday, April 25th at the Bowie Center for Performing Arts at 1:00 p.m. to benefit the Veterans Art Program.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch did not have a report at this time.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Gardner moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of Proclamation P-6-15 Proclaiming Month of May 2015 as National Bike Month; B) Approval of Proclamation P-7-15 Proclaiming May 15th, 2015 as Bike to Work Day in Bowie; C) Approval of Resolution R-31-15 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding With the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for Construction and Maintenance of a Hiker-Biker Trail Providing Access to Jericho Park Across Commission Property Known as Adnell Park; D) Approval of Resolution R-32-15 Awarding a Contract to American Architectural Restoration, LLC in the Amount of \$27,975 for Exterior Repairs to the Harmel House; E) Introduction of Ordinance O-8-15 Amending Chapter 3, "Amusements, Carnivals, Fairs or Similar Uses," Section 3-10, "Duration of Permit", the Bowie City Code, to Adjust the Existing Restriction on the Number of Permits that May be Issued Annually to a Single User and Generally Relating to Amusements, Carnivals, or Fairs; F) Approval of Letter to Prince George's County Council re: Prince George's County FY 2016 Proposed Budget and Capital Improvement Program; G) Approval of Letter to Prince George's County Council re: M-NCPCC Budget. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Ordinance O-7-15 Amending City Code Chapter 6, "Elections", Article IV, "Fair Elections Practices", Section 6-68, "Appointment of Campaign Treasurer; Candidate Joining Ticker or Slate," to Clarify the Required Qualifications of a Campaign Treasurer for a Candidate for City Elective Office.

15. City Attorney Levan, summarized the staff report and recommends approval of Ordinance O-7-15.

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Brady made a comment to task staff to review the code and remove any forms that are in the code.

Mayor Pro Tem Truth made a motion to approve Ordinance O-7-15 Amending City Code, Chapter 6, "Elections", Article IV, Section 6-68. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Legislative Update – City's lobbyist, Mr. Len Lucchi provided Council a review of the bills affecting Maryland municipalities and the City of Bowie that were passed during the 2015 General Assembly Session. Within the adopted Capital Budget for FY 2016 there are funds earmarked for improvements to the Bowie Senior Center as well as an increase in Highway User Revenues.

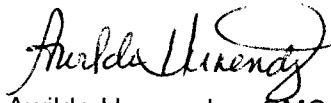
Mr. Eddie Pounds summarized some of the bills passed which deal with Watershed Protection and Restoration Programs, Public Information Act, WMATA Services and Parking Authorities.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Lucchi and Mr. Pounds for another outstanding year of service.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move into Budget Worksession #2. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk