



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 15, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, June 15, 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, Marcos (Arrived 8:10p.m.), and Woolfley; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Sue Livera with the Bowie Green Team gave an update to Council on certification for schools as a "Green School".

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Proclamation P-11-15 Proclaiming the Week of June 15-21, 2015 as Bowie Pollinator Week – Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve Proclamation P-11-15, Councilmember seconded the motion and it carried 4-0. Councilmember Woolfley presented the proclamation to Maria Arnold.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson congratulated the United States Army on celebrating its 240th anniversary on June 14th.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported that on June 29th the City of Bowie along with 18 other Maryland municipalities will be recognized at the Municipal League Conference for being a Smart Energy Community.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of April 13 Special Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of April 20 Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of Resolution R-41-15 Amending the Membership of the Bowie Advisory Planning Board; D) Approval of Resolution R-42-15 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Memorandum of Understanding With the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Concerning the Development of a Sustainability Plan for the City; E) Approval of Resolution R-43-15 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to RK&K for Task Order #1 – 30% Design of a Stormwater Retention Pond at Midwood Lane in Accordance with the Master Contract Approved on April 6, 2015; F) Approval of Resolution R-44-15 Authorizing the Waiving of Bidding Requirements by Two-Thirds Vote to Allow for the Repair of the Pumping Unit From Well #4R; G) Approval of Resolution R-46-15 Accepting Bid Proposal for Street Resurfacing and Cold Milling. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Emergency Ordinance O-9-15 Amending the adopted budget for the Fiscal Year 2015 – City Manager Deutsch briefed Council on Ordinance O-9-15 which will authorize the transfer of certain amounts into accounts that, at year-end, will have an excess of expenditures over appropriations. The adjustments in total amount to 1.9% of the adopted FY 2015 final budget of \$65,231,000.

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance O-9-15 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Adoption of Ordinance O-10-15 Amending City Code Chapter 6, "Elections" – City Attorney Levan briefed Council on the ordinance. Most of the changes are for clarification purposes; the removal of prescribed language for certain forms from the actual text of the ordinance, while maintaining the substance of the information requirements contained in the forms and changing the timeframe of filing Campaign Finance Reports from noon on the 15th of every month to the close of business on the 15th of the month.

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Woolfley asked when this information will be sent to the candidates. City Clerk Hernandez responded that if Council approves the ordinance this evening it would be sent in the next few days to all candidates.

Councilmember Truth asked if the bank account number information can be removed from the Campaign Finance Form. City Attorney Levan responded that it could be removed.

Councilmember Brady stated that the new language in the ordinance does not define the dates of the reporting period. City Attorney Levan replied that it is implied from the past that it would be from the date of the last report to the 15th of the following month.

Councilmember Brady made a motion to approve Ordinance O-10-15. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance Re-Write – Mr. Derick Berlage from Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission briefed Council on the County's progress of rewriting the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. The County began the initial draft of the code in April of 2015 and continues to encourage community involvement and education. In the fall of 2015 they hope to have a public review draft of the different zones and uses module; with a final approval date of March 2017. A copy of the power point presentation is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Berlage for the briefing.

B. Detailed Site Plan (#DSP-91016/02) – Mr. Frank Stevens, City Planning Staff summarized the staff report. The Detailed Site Plan proposes the construction of a one-story/2,228 sq. ft./66-seat fast food restaurant (Taco Bell), and the renovation of an existing 12,600 sq. ft. office building to include retail and office space; located in the Bowie Gateway Center and is zoned C-M (Commercial Miscellaneous).

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Brady asked if the proposed changes to the existing building are more of a cosmetic change and not a structural change. Mr. Hatcher replied that they are cosmetic changes only.

Councilmember Brady made a motion to approve Detailed Site Plan (#DSP-91016/02). Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

C. Preliminary Subdivision Plan #4-13027 (AutoZone) – Mr. Frank Stevens, City Planning Staff summarized the staff report. The Preliminary Subdivision Plan's purpose is for creating two lots; one lot (10.9 acres) will contain an existing retail use (Home Depot), the other lot (1.49 acres) is proposed to contain a one-story 6,816 sq. ft. retail use (AutoZone). The property is zoned C-M (Commercial Miscellaneous).

Public Hearing:

1. Mr. John Henry, 16104 Pond Meadow Lane, commented on his concerns of the amount of right turns on red that will occur in that intersection.

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

Councilmember Woolfley asked if there will be enough parking spaces once both businesses are there. Ms. Stevens replied yes.

Councilmember Brady recommends that a letter be sent to State Highway Administration for consideration of adding a No Turn on Red sign on the intersection.

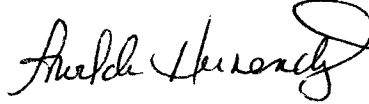
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Councilmember Marcos made a motion to approve Preliminary Subdivision Plan #4-13027 with recommend conditions from staff. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

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 9:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large loop at the end.

Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk