



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2015

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, August 3, 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 (Arrived 8:08p.m.), 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. Shirley Hardy spoke with concerns of squatters that are living in her neighborhood of High Bridge and how the City deals with the issue.

Mayor Robinson responded that the owner of the property has to initiate the process of having squatters removed from the property.

2. Mr. Gary Blakes spoke with concerns of overgrown bamboo encroaching on his property from neighbors' property that he is trying to declare as a Historic Property. (Notice of County Public Hearing attached)

PRESENTATIONS:

Councilmember Polangin made a motion to approve and presented Proclamation P-12-15 Proclaiming "Meatless Monday" in the City of Bowie to Ms. Anita Summers. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson announced National Night Out will be held on August 4th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Allen Pond Park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch congratulated City Clerk Awilda Hernandez on obtaining her Master Municipal Clerk Designation from the International Institute of Municipal Clerks and introduced the City's new Emergency Management Coordinator, Mr. Larry Schultz.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of June 1 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of June 15 Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of July 6 Meeting Minutes; D) Approval of July 13 Meeting Minutes; E) Approval of Resolution R-54-15 Approving Variance Application BV-5-15, a Request by Ms. Rachel Henschcliffe to Allow the Construction of Approximately 90 Linear Feet of Six Foot High Fencing Along Kensington Lane When, According to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Such Fencing Shall Not be More Than Four (4) Feet High, at 12400 Kemmerton Lane; F) Approval of Resolution R-55-15 Awarding a Contract for the Removal of the Existing Chimney and Installation of a New Modified Bitumen Roof, Soffit, and Trim at the Kenhill Center; G) Approval of Resolution R-56-15 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of City Charter, Section 61(b) for Good Cause Shown and Awarding the Purchase of Six (6) In-Car Cameras for Police Vehicles to Kustom Signals, Inc.; H) Approval of Resolution R-57-15 By Two Thirds Vote Authorizing the Waiving of Bidding Requirements to Allow the Bowie Police Department to Utilize the Services of Priority Install, LLC for the Upfitting of Police Vehicles; I) Approval of Resolution R-58-15 By Two-Thirds Vote Authorizing the Waiving of Bidding Requirements to Allow for the Award of a Contract for the Removal and Replacement of Roof-Top Gas Piping and Unit Regulators at the Kenhill Center. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Ordinance O-11-15 Repealing in Their Entireties Chapter 21A, Article I, "Soil Erosion and Sediment Control", and Article II, "Municipal Grading Permits," and Re-Enacting Said Articles for the Purpose of Complying With Requirements of the Maryland Department of the Environment – Public Works Director George Stephanos summarized the staff report to Council. These updates are required to gain compliance with governing Maryland regulations and standards that have been updated since 2012.

Public Hearing:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Truth made a motion to approve Ordinance O-11-15, Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Transportation Priority List – Mr. Joe Meinert, City Planning Director, summarized the staff report. The city's highest transportation priorities are MD 197, MD 450 and Church Road. There is also an emphasis on a new interchange on US 50 at MD 193 and a new roadway connecting MD 197 near Bowie State University with MD 3 in Anne Arundel County.

Public Hearing:

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Councilmember Woolfley asked Mr. Meinert for the status of the intersection of Forest Drive and MD 3 with State Highway Administration.

Mr. Meinert replied that they have a meeting scheduled this coming Friday for a field review and are planning to have a community meeting later in the summer with more details.

Mayor Pro Tem Truth asked for an update on repairs on MD 978 by the CSX tracks. Mr. Fitzwater replied that it is scheduled for Spring of 2016.

Councilmember Brady asked if language stated in the letter is strong enough for the funding of upgrading of US 301 from Excalibur Road to MD 214. Mr. Meinert expressed that they can combine some of the verbiage that was used in the letter that was sent last year to Department of Transportation.

Councilmember Polangin made a motion to approve the City Transportation Priority List for 2015-2016 with staff's recommendations. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Old Town Bowie Update – City Manager Deutsch briefed Council on staff's continued efforts to engage more with the residents of Old Bowie. Several issues were brought up during the community meeting that was held on July 7th dealing with code compliance, transportation, youth services, communication and policing. City staff continues to focus on compliance with city code requirements and a letter was sent to Prince George's County requesting bus service to facilitate access to employment in other parts of Bowie. A shuttle bus program was implemented to transport youth from Old Bowie to weekend programs at Bowie Community Center; only a handful of riders have used the service in its first three weekends of service. Several different forms of communication are being implemented; promoting Alert Bowie 2.0, expanding the use of the message board in the Town Green.

Councilmember Polangin asked if staff can look into cost for possible bus transportation for residents from Old Bowie to the food pantry even if it's just one day a week. City Manager Deutsch responded that they will look into it and report back to Council.

Councilmember Brady commented that he was concerned that the residents that are in need of these services were not present at the meeting, maybe because of lack of communication in getting information out to the community. Mr. Deutsch responded that staff is doing more outreach in the broader community.

Mayor Robinson thanked the Police Department and City staff for the progress.

C. Legislative Action Request Proposal – City Manager Deutsch stated that the Chair of the City's Environmental Advisory Committee, Mr. Gary Allen, has suggested that Council support proposed legislation that would benefit municipalities that have achieved the Sustainable Maryland Designation for additional points to be allocated to applications for various State grant programs. If Council endorses the idea, the Legislative Request will be forwarded to MML for their upcoming Legislative Committee meeting in September.

August 3, 2015

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 motion to support the Legislative Action Request Proposal. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion carried 7-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Trough moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move into Closed Session under General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(7): To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

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

Date: 8/3/15 Time: 9:21 Location: Bowie City Hall Motion to close meeting made by: Truth
 Seconded by Woolfly Members voting in favor: Robinson, Brady, Marcos, Gardner, Polansin, Woolfly, Truth
 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) The City Attorney updated City Council about a Personnel matter.
 §3-305(b) (7) The City Attorney provided advice to Council regarding a legal matter.
 §3-305(b) () _____

This statement is made by Mayor 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, Brady, Marcos, Gardner, Polansin, Woolfly, Truth, Deutsch, Fitzwater, Levan
 TOPICS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED _____

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

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 9:30 pm
 PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION Bowie City Hall
 PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: _____
 STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) () ; () ; ()
 MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: _____



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

County Administration Building • 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, 4th Floor, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772
pgplanning.org/HPC.htm • 301-952-3680

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Tuesday, September 15, 2015
6:30 PM

County Administration Building
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive, Upper Marlboro MD 20772

HISTORIC PROPERTY EVALUATION
Grovehurst (Documented Property 71B-023)
14307 Delcastle Drive, Bowie, MD 20721

As part of its September 15, 2015 public meeting, the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) will evaluate Grovehurst, 14307 Delcastle Drive, Bowie, Maryland for potential designation as a Prince George's County Historic Site.

Because the property is not included in the Prince George's County *2010 Approved Historic Sites and Districts Plan*, this process is conducted through Subtitle 29-120.01 (The Prince George's County Historic Preservation Ordinance). In conducting its review, the HPC will evaluate the property on the basis of the nine criteria for historic and architectural significance found in Section 29-104 of the Ordinance. In judging architectural significance, the architectural integrity of the building is also addressed. As part of this review, the HPC will make a recommendation to the Prince George's County Planning Board and to the District Council. Those bodies will hold a joint public hearing on the matter, and the final decision will be made by the District Council.

The Prince George's County Historic Preservation Ordinance requires that the property that is the subject of this public hearing be posted with informational signs at least two weeks in advance. These signs will be posted no later than September 1, 2015. In addition, this notice complies with the Ordinance requirement to notify the property owner, adjacent property owners, and interested parties at least 60 days in advance of the Historic Preservation Commission's hearing.

Information on the historic resource designation process and the staff recommendations for the case will be available on September 8, 2015 at www.mncppc.org/county/hpc.htm.

As the property owner, or an adjacent property owner, or an interested party, the HPC is interested in any comments you may have on this matter. You are encouraged to attend the hearing. *If you cannot attend, written comments for the case record should be received by the close of business on September 15.* Please send comments to:

John Peter Thompson, Chairman
Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission
14741 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro MD 20772

For additional questions, contact the Historic Preservation Commission staff at 301-952-3680.

DATE OF NOTICE: July 14, 2015

- c: John Peter Thompson, Chair, Historic Preservation Commission
Fern Piret, Planning Director
Derick Berlage, Chief, Countywide Planning Division
Howard Berger, Supervisor, Historic Preservation Section
Frederick Stachura, HPC Liaison, Historic Preservation Section
Historic Property Evaluation File 71B-023
Judy D'Ambrosi, Area Planner, Community Planning Division

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Audrey Scott-Shelton and James Shelton
14308 Delcastle Drive
Bowie, MD 20721-3205

Edward and Denise McKenney
14309 Delcastle Drive
Bowie, MD 20721-3210

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14313 Delcastle Drive
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Bowie, MD 20721-3208

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Bowie, MD 20721

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