



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2015

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 19, 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.

### PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Mayor Robinson swore-in three new Police Officers to the Bowie Police Department; Private First Class Anthony Carrai, Private First Class Ryan Magnuson and Police Officer Tyler Zittle.
- B. Proclamation P-18-15 Congratulating Bowie Boys & Girls Club Tracksters in Their Wins at the 2015 USATF Junior Olympic Outdoor National Championship. Mayor Pro Tem Truth made a motion to approve Proclamation P-18-15, Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. Council then presented the proclamation to Bowie Boys & Girls Club.

### CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

- A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:
  1. Councilmember Polangin moved the appointment of Amanda Garrett as a member of the Community Outreach Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.
  2. Councilmember Marcos moved the appointment of Jerry Dawson as a member of the Economic Development Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.
  3. Mayor Robinson swore-in the members to their respective committees.

### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson offered well wishes and a speedy recovery to Councilmember Polangin on her surgery.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported that neighborhood leaf collection will begin on November 2, schedule is posted on the City website.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of Resolution R-64-15 By Two-Thirds Vote Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of the City Charter to Allow the City to Enter Into Contracts With Various Snow Plow Contractors That May Exceed \$25,000 in Aggregate Value; B) Approval of Resolution R-74-15 Authorizing the City to Become a Signatory to the Greater Baltimore Wilderness Accord Document; C) Introduction of Ordinance O-15-15 Repealing and Re-enacting Chapter 24, "Taxation", to Reorganize and Make Non-Substantive Corrections and to Create and Adopt Section 24-5, "Tax Credit for Nonprofit Swim Clubs", of the City Code; D) Approval of Resolution R-75-15 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Temporary Labor Services. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Detailed Site Plan #DSP-000019-02 (Chick-Fil-A) – Mr. Frank Stevens, staff from Planning Department summarized the report. Property is located on 16503 Ballpark Road, contains 2.82 acres and it is zoned C-M (Commercial Miscellaneous).

Mr. Dan Lynch with the office of McNamee, Hosea, Jernigan, Kim, Greenan and Lynch, P.A. disagrees with a couple of the recommendations from staff, specifically the amount of free standing signage and building mounted signage that is permitted on the property.

**Public Hearing:**

1. John Henry, 16104 Pond Meadow Lane – commented that he is not opposed to the new design of the restaurant just has concerns with the additional traffic and accidents that could occur with traffic turning right from Ballpark Road onto Rt 301.

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

Following comments from Council, Councilmember Gardner made a motion to approve Detailed Site Plan #DSP-000019-02 with the removal of staff condition 6A. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of Resolution R-76-15 Authorizing Issuance and Sale of Refunding Bond to TD Bank, N.A. – City Manager Deutsch summarized the resolution which allows the City an opportunity to reduce its debt service cost by issuing new debt at a lower interest rate which equals \$347,000 in lower interest cost over the next fifteen years.

**Public Hearing:**

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Mayor Pro Tem Truth asked what the original interest rate was. Mr. Ketterman, the City's Financial Advisor, replied that it was between 4% and 4.25%.

Mayor Pro Tem Truth made a motion to approve Resolution R-76-15. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Police Department Update - Police Chief Nesky and Deputy Chief Preston briefed Council on department statistics, programs and the status of in-house call center. Staffing is currently at 62 sworn officers. The call center is making good progress; today was the deadline for applications for call takers, they received well over 200 applications. Opening of the call center is still on track for the end of February 2016. The department's first K-9 unit is finishing his training, a golden lab named Rooster. A new speed camera is being installed on Peach Walker Drive and they go live on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. In the FY 16 Budget there are funds for the purchase of body cameras, they are in the testing and evaluation process with 3 different systems. The crime and citation statistics for the department are in a downward trend which is good.

Councilmember Polangin asked if each officer will be having their own cameras or will they be shared with other officers. Police Chief evaluated the different issues and they have decided that each officer will have their own camera.

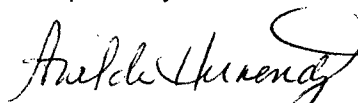
Councilmember Woolfley asked the status of the guidelines and policies for the body cameras. Police Chief responded that there are guidelines and policies being worked on with the State; when to turn cameras on and when to use them and items of that sort.

Mayor Robinson thanked Chief Nesky and Deputy Chief Preston for the updates and the job the department is performing.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move into Closed Session under General Provisions 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. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk

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

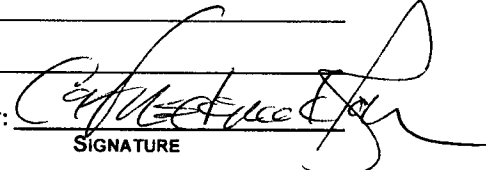
Date: 10/14/15 Time: 9:44 Location: City Hall Motion to close meeting made by: Truth  
 Seconded by Woolfley Members voting in favor: Gardner, Marcos, Brady, Robinson, Truth  
Polansin, Woolfley Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ Absent \_\_\_\_\_

**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) Classification + Compensation Study  
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This statement is made by Mayor 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, Gardner, Marcos, Brady, Polansin, Woolfley,

TOPICS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED Discuss, interview, place Classification + Compensation Study

ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY) AND RECORDED VOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 10:05 pm

PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION Bowie City Hall

PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: Discuss Classification + Compensation Study

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) (1); ( ) ; ( )

MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: Robinson, Truth, Gardner, Marcos, Brady, Polansin, Woolfley