



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2015

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, November 23, 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 Gardner, Councilmembers Esteve, Glass, Marcos, Polangin and Truth; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson thanked staff and committee members for the design and installation of the new memorial at the Veterans Park; and reminded residents that there will be no trash pick-up on Thursday or Friday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on: 1) leaf collection program going well and will continue thru mid-December; 2) meeting with SHA to review a few items mainly the paving conditions on the ramps from Rt 50 to Rt 3, Kenhill Drive resurfacing and revised signal light at the intersection of Rt 197 and Old Chapel Road.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Truth moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of Resolution R-77-15 Approving the First Amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement Between the City of Bowie and T-Mobile Northeast LLC at 3107 Belair Drive; B) Approval of Resolution R-78-15 Approving Variance BV-7-15, a Request by Mr. Richard Veselich for a Variance of Eight Feet From the 25 Foot Minimum Side Yard Setback Requirement for Corner Lots Required by Section 27-442(e) Table IV (Yards) of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance to Construct an Attached Garage Addition 17 Feet From the Side Lot Line Along Pomona Place at 15913 Perkins Lane; C) Approval of Resolution R-79-15 Approving Departure Application BD-1-15, a Request by BE Bowie, LLC for a Departure From the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-614(d)(2) to Allow Three Free-Standing/Pylon Signs Rather Than the Permitted Two Signs at 3206 and 3298 Superior Lane and 15455-15511 Annapolis Road, Bowie, Maryland; D) Approval of Resolution R-80-15 Accepting a Bid

**MAYOR** G. Frederick Robinson    **MAYOR PRO TEM** Henri Gardner

**COUNCIL** Michael P. Estéve ♦ Courtney D. Glass ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Isaac C. Truth    **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch  
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Proposal for Permanent Pavement Markings; E) Approval of Resolution R-81-15 Supporting the Application of Champ House Recovery, Inc. for Funding for the FY2016 Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development, Nonprofit Assistance Fund; F) Approval of Resolution R-82-15 To Approve an Increase in the Contract Amount for the Pumping, Hauling and Disposal of Sludge From the Sludge Separator Tanks at the Wastewater Treatment Plant; G) Approval of Resolution R-83-15 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Architect/Engineering Consultant at Allen Pond Park; H) Approval of Resolution R-84-15 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Avaya Telecommunications System Upgrade. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

A. Approval 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 24-6, "Tax Credit for Nonprofit Swim Clubs", of the City Code – City Manager Deutsch summarized the staff report. The cost of the tax modification for the four pools is estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000 on an annual basis.

**Public Hearing:**

1. Steve Clark, Belair Swim & Racquet Club – requested support from Council on the passage of Ordinance O-15-15.
2. Dante Cipriano, Pointer Ridge Swim & Racquet Club – supports the passage of the ordinance.

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

Councilmember Polangin commented that she is against the tax relief.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner asked how much tax savings this credit will provide the clubs. City Manager Deutsch responded around \$4,000 per club.

Councilmember Marcos made a motion to approve Ordinance O-15-15. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-1 (Polangin).

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Mitchellville Road Sidewalk Evaluation – Mr. Joe Meinert, Planning Director summarized the report. Staff recommends the process be done in four steps. First the conditions should be well-documented. Second, a face to face meeting with representatives of Prince George's County Department of Public Works & Transportation is recommended. Third, the City should do all that it can on its own to improve City streets that intersect with Mitchellville Road, adding crosswalks parallel to Mitchellville Road and stop bars/signs, as appropriate. Fourth, City Council should send a letter to County Council Member Todd Turner requesting that a project to install new and upgraded sidewalks on Mitchellville Road be added to the County's Capital Improvement Program as soon as possible.

**Public Hearing:**

1. Dennis Brady, 15916 Paisley Lane – supports sending the letter to the County for placement of project in their CIP.
2. Russ Ideo, 16403 Pointer Ridge Drive – encourages the implementation of sidewalks on Mitchellville Road.

3. Eugene Maddox, 1913 Mitchellville Road – questioned staff on who will pay for the sidewalks, will they be on both sides of the road and how wide will the sidewalks be.
4. Duff Durkin, 1211 Parkington Lane – commends the City for taking on this study and consider using City dollars to assist the County in supporting this initiative.
5. Jackie Lord, 15808 Plainview Lane – supports the proposal for the sidewalks.

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

Councilmember Gardner asked if there was some way of prioritizing the project so that it can be done in phases and minimize some of the costs. City Manager Deutsch responded that if the project gets done in phases it could delay it even longer from being placed on the County's CIP.

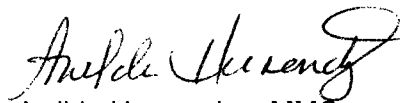
Councilmember Polangin asked who will be responsible for the maintenance of the sidewalks. City Manager Deutsch responded that the County would be responsible.

Councilmember Truth made a motion to approve sending a letter to County Councilmember Turner requesting this project be incorporated on the County's CIP. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk