

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: January 28, 2016

1. Attend ImagineBowie on February 13th and Share Your Ideas for Bowie's Future
Come to the Kenhill Center on Saturday, February 13 from 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and share your thoughts by participating in an interactive planning exercise designed to support discussions about Bowie's future. Lunch will be provided. Register at <http://imaginebowie2016.eventbrite.com>. Also, please spread the word about this event to Bowie residents and business owners. The event's success depends on having many participants. Public participants will go through this all-day program, creating their version of the best Bowie possible. The City will compile the input it receives during the event and use it to inform the creation of a Sustainability Plan, which should be completed by the end of the year. For more event information, contact Kristin Larson at 301-809-3044 or klarson@cityofbowie.org.
2. Purchase of Four P1 CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) Licenses
The Adopted Fiscal Year 2016 Budget has allocated funds for the establishment of a Call Center within the Police Department. Included in this Capital Outlay allocation (\$106,900) are funds for the procurement of four (4) CAD Licenses for Call Takers and the Call Center Supervisor. The CAD licenses are for entering data directly into the CAD system, and does not deal with the access by the Officers' MDTs. The MDTs will be connected once the firewall issue has been resolved. IT continues to work in cooperation with the County to address the issue. The Bowie Police Department is required to utilize the same CAD/Dispatching system as Prince George's County Police. Motorola Solutions, Inc./Teltronic based in Columbia, MD will honor pricing on a contract with Prince George's County (ARO No.0716-0071-2014). The cost for the licenses is \$58,000. Section 62 of the City Charter allows for cooperative bidding between COG members. This notice will service as the seven-day notice to City Council of the intention to make such a purchase.
3. Strategic Planning Process
Staff has met with the consultant who will be facilitating the strategic planning process for the City and developed the following outline for the process:

- Interviews by phone or in person with the Mayor and City Manager during the week of February 1-5.
- Senior Staff Retreat – February 17th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Belair Mansion.
- Community Meetings – Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 12th from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Kenhill Center. Tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 17th from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Pointer Ridge Elementary School.
- Citizen Outreach Survey – Immediately after the community meetings; for people who didn't attend the community meetings.
- Council Retreat – Tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 9th from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Belair Mansion; date will be coordinated with Council.

The Good to Great and the Social Sectors monograph based on the Good to Great book by Jim Collins will be used as part of this process. Copies of this monograph have been obtained and will be provided to City Council shortly.

4. County Planning Board Results

Two projects of interest to the City were recently reviewed by the Prince George's County Planning Board. On Thursday, January 21, 2016 the Planning Board voted unanimously to approve Detailed Site Plan revision 02021-01 for Kinder Kidz Early Learning Center at Christ Community Church, located at 1925 Mitchellville Road. All of the City Council's conditions of approval adopted at the January 4th City Council meeting, with the exception of the requirement for a shade structure to be added to the playground, were included in the Board's approval. The Park and Planning staff's conditions require improvements to the existing building, buffer areas, parking lot and playground to address safety concerns. The staff determined that a shade structure would not be necessary as an acceptable amount of shade exists in the play area. Mr. Thomas Dorsey, an engineer working for the church, spoke in favor of the application. A motion to approve the staff recommendation was made by Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Shoaf. At today's Planning Board meeting, Detailed Site Plan 00019-02 was reviewed for a new 5,235 square foot Chick-fil-A restaurant at the site of the existing restaurant at 16503 Ballpark Road. The Planning Board voted unanimously to approve the revised Detailed Site Plan, in accordance with the staff recommendation (which included all of the City's conditions). The motion to approve was made by Commissioner Shoaf and seconded by Commissioner Geraldo.