



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 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, and Polangin; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Caleb Schaeffer, representing high school student Robotics Team – spoke in regards to possible monetary donation or room space from the City for the team to continue growing.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Glass moved the appointment of Steven Brown as a member of the Education Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
2. Councilmember Glass moved the appointment of Steven Brown as an alternate member of the Board of Personnel Appeals for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
3. Councilmember Marcos moved the appointment of John Eidsness as an alternate member of the Information Technology Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
4. Mayor Robinson swore-in the members to their respective committees.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on: 1) upcoming weather conditions, City has a good salt supply as well as contractors for snow removal; 2) Work Force/Like Skills Training in Old Bowie began this evening for both youths and adults, it is a 6-week program.

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

COUNCIL Michael P. Estéve ♦ Courtney D. Glass ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Isaac C. Trowth **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch
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CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Item: A) Approval of January 4 Meeting Minutes. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Ordinance O-1-16 Authorizing and Empowering The City of Bowie (The "City") To Issue and Sell From Time to Time, Upon Its Full Faith and Credit, a Series of General Obligation Bonds In The Form of a Single General Obligation Installment Bond In The Original Principal Amount Not To Exceed One Hundred Sixty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Dollars (\$164,800.00), Such Bond To Be Issued and Sold and The Proceeds Thereof To Be Used and Applied For The Public Purpose of Financing, Reimbursing or Refinancing Costs Incurred In Connection With Upgrading and Renovating The Bowie Wastewater Treatment Plant Administration Building, Together With Related Costs and Costs of Issuance As Provided Herein, All To The Extent Permitted By The Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration (The "Administration"); Prescribing, Approving and Adopting The Form and Tenor Of The Bond, The Terms and Conditions For The Issuance and Sale Of The Bond By Private Sale, Without Public Bidding, To The Administration, and Other Details Incident Thereto, and Authorizing The Mayor, On Behalf Of The City, To Determine Certain Details of The Bond, Including Fixing The Final Original Principal Amount of The Bond and The Amortization Schedule For The Bond; Authorizing and Directing The Completion, Execution and Delivery of a Loan Agreement With The Administration Pursuant To Which Advances of The Bond Will Be Made; Authorizing And Directing The Payment of Any Fees or Costs Provided For In The Loan Agreement That Are Not Payable From Bond Proceeds; Pledging Any Moneys That The City Is Entitled To Receive From The State Of Maryland, Including The City's Share Of Income Tax Revenues, To Secure Its Obligations Under The Loan Agreement; Acknowledging The Right Of The Administration To Accelerate Payment On The Bond Upon An Event Of Default Under The Loan Agreement; Authorizing Certain Officials To Take Certain Actions With Respect To The Loan Agreement and Designating Certain Officials As "Authorized Officers" For Purposes Of The Loan Agreement; Providing For The Disbursement Of Advances Of The Bond; Providing That The City Shall Use And Apply Proceeds Of The Bond Only As Permitted By The Loan Agreement, The Clean Water Act (As Defined Herein) And The MWQFA Act (As Defined Herein); Providing That The Principal Of And Interest On The Bond Will Be Payable In The First Instance From Revenues Received By The City In Connection With The Operation Of The Wastewater System And The Water Supply System Serving The City, All To The Extent Any Such Revenues Are Lawfully Available For Such Purpose; Providing For The Levy And Collection Of Ad Valorem Taxes Upon All Real And Personal Property Within The City's Corporate Limits Subject To Assessment For Unlimited Municipal Taxation To Pay The Principal Of And Interest On The Bond In Each Fiscal Year; Pledging The Full Faith And Credit And Unlimited Taxing Power Of The City To The Prompt Payment Of The Principal Of And Interest On The Bond; Providing That The Principal Of And Interest On The Bond Also May Be Paid From Any Other Sources Of Revenue Lawfully Available To The City For That Purpose; Authorizing The Council By Resolution Or Ordinance, As Applicable, To Provide For Any Amendments Or Modifications To The Bond And Related Documentation Post-Issuance; Providing That This Title Shall Be Deemed A Summary Of This Ordinance For All Purposes; Providing That The Provisions Of This Ordinance Shall Be Liberally Construed; And Otherwise Generally Relating To The Issuance, Sale, Delivery And Payment Of And For The Bond – City Manager Deutsch summarized the staff report. The loan of \$164,800 from the Maryland Water Quality Financing Administration (MWQFA) will be used towards the upgrade and improvements to the administrative offices at the Bowie Wastewater Treatment Plant. It is a 20 year loan at 2% which relates to about \$10,000 a year for the next 20 years. Project should be completed in May of 2016.

Public Hearing:

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

Councilmember Polangin made a motion to approve Ordinance O-1-16. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. County Zoning Ordinance Re-Write Presentation – Mr. Chad Williams, Project Manager for Prince George’s County Zoning Re-write Efforts briefed Council on the process of the ordinance re-write, specifically regarding Module 1 which involves zones and zoning regulations, as well as use regulations. Some of the changes include reducing the number of zones from 73 to 40 as well as renaming some of the zones. The project initiated in January 2014 and it is scheduled for implementation in the Fall of 2017. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk’s office.

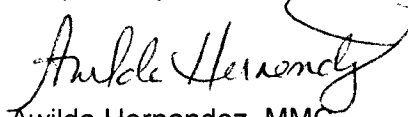
Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Williams for the presentation and would like staff to comment on the proposed changes.

Mr. Joe Meinert, Planning Director for the City mentioned that the City has posted comments on the projects’ website with regards to no longer needing Detailed Site Plan review for new development in nonresidential zones; if removed the residents will not have the opportunity to address any issues or concerns that they might have on the development of these sites.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk