

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: February 4, 2016

1. Storm Costs

Our current tally of the recent snowstorm costs is approximately \$422,000. We believe that we have accounted for all costs with the exception of charges for the National Guard. I will let you know once we have that invoice.

2. Bowie Master Plan Update Request

Today, the Prince George's County Planning Board voted unanimously to support an update to the 2006 Bowie and Vicinity Area Master Plan in the FY 2017 work program for The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission. The City Council requested this update in a letter to the County Planning Board last fall. The City's Planning Director spoke in favor of the staff recommendation to undertake the plan update. The Planning Board's endorsement moves the City's request to the County Council, which will be considering funding priorities in the next several months as they finalize the County budget. The motion to support the request was made by Commissioner Washington and seconded by Commissioner Geraldo.

3. Body-Worn Camera System

Over the past year, the Bowie Police Department has been actively evaluating body-worn camera systems. This initiative will demonstrate the professional service delivered by the City's police force. The Police Department has tested cameras from several companies such as VIEVU, WatchGuard, TASER, and Utility. After evaluations had been conducted, how the video was being collected and stored was also considered. In coordination with the Information Technology Department, a determination was made that an on-premise storage system was not feasible. Therefore, a cloud-based storage system was recommended. While cloud-based storage involves the use of a third party, security of the data is paramount and added to the complexity of selecting a body-worn camera that not only performed well, but was also capable of securing the footage collected. Based upon the research, Utility, Inc. was found to be the best fit for the Police Department.

The Department will present its findings to Council at your February 16th meeting, including the methodology used, overall findings, and reasons for selecting Utility, Inc. Mr. Christopher Lindenau, Vice President of Utility, Inc., will give a presentation on their system and company.