

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: March 17, 2016

1. Citizen Strategic Planning Session

On Saturday, March 12th, 20 residents attended a session on Developing Bowie's Next Strategic Plan at the Kenhill Center. Mayor Robinson provided introductory comments. Councilmember Esteve attended the entire event. Councilmembers Polangin and Marcos also attended part of the session. The session was facilitated by Christine Becker. The citizen discussion was engaging and informative. The citizen comments obtained from this session will be distilled and presented to City Council to provide additional input into your upcoming strategic planning session with Ms. Becker on Saturday, April 9th. A second citizen strategic planning session is scheduled for Thursday, March 17th from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Pointer Ridge Elementary School.

2. 2016 Toyota RAV4 AWD Hybrid Acquisition

The adopted FY16 Budget appropriates \$30,300 for the replacement of vehicle #11, a 2004 Ford Taurus in the Housing Inspection and Code Compliance Division of Community Services. Staff has reviewed quotes and found a current Florida Sheriffs Association contract, FSA Contract 15-23-0904 which can provide this vehicle at a cost of \$27,802 including delivery. The contract will be honored by Rountree-Moore Toyota, Lake City, FL. As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Rountree-Moore Toyota for a total amount of \$27,802.

3. Chesapeake Bay Trust Grant Received

Planning Department staff were notified on March 15th, that their application for a grant through the Chesapeake Bay Trust was awarded in the full amount of \$12,500. This grant money will be used to continue previous community outreach efforts related to the City's tree canopy and to follow-up on a 2013 project. Then, the City contracted with a consulting firm to conduct an analysis of the barriers and benefits to private tree planting, which is the key to increasing tree canopy. The project funded by this grant, supplemented by \$7,500 from the City, will help create specific marketing messages designed to highlight the benefits and address the barriers identified in the previous study.