



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, March 7, 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, Councilmembers Esteve, Gardner, Glass, Marcos, Polangin and Trough; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Larry Swank, resident of Scarlett Lane – spoke in opposition to the new apartment complex in Marketplace.
2. Mary Beth Blocker, 12419 Sussex Lane – also spoke in opposition to the residential development at Marketplace.
3. Michaela Zabel, Girl Scout Troop 992 – presented Councilmember Polangin with a Girl Scout coin thanking her for helping put together a Women's Career Day event in order to receive her Gold Award.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported: A) Training for the call takers for the Non-emergency call center began today; B) Strategic Plan meetings for residents will be held on March 12th at Kenhill Center from 9:30 a.m. and the second will be on March 17th at Pointer Ridge Elementary School at 7:00 p.m. C) Electronic sign on Route 450 and Racetrack Road is operational; D) A company will be marketing to city residents an insurance policy regarding their water and sewer lines on their property, the City has no link to this company, and takes no position regarding this insurance program.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Esteve moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of February 16 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-9-16 Accepting a Bid Proposal for the Purchase and Installation of an HD Playback Server for the Bowie Studio; C) Approval of Resolution R-10-16 Accepting the Private Streets and Appurtenance Thereto Located Within Covington Knolls V and

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

COUNCIL Michael P. Estéve ♦ Courtney D. Glass ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Isaac C. Trough **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch
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Approving an Agreement Between the City and Covington Knolls V Townhouse Association. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bowie Marketplace Residential Development – Mr. Brian Berman with Berman Enterprises briefed Council on the status of the commercial development as well as planned concepts for the residential development at Marketplace. The commercial part is scheduled for a grand opening in September of 2016 with Harris Teeter as the anchor store as well as several other restaurants and stores like Petco, Sweet Frogs, and Firehouse Subs. On the residential side; the design consists of 5 story apartment buildings with a total of 300 high quality units; 20% of those units will be dedicated for seniors and two parking garages. A stakeholders meeting will be held on March 8th, at 7 p.m. in City Hall that will be open to all residents for comments.

Councilmember Polangin asked if all units will be rental or will some be dedicated for ownership. Mr. Berman responded that they will all be rental with no subsidized housing, it will all be market rate.

Councilmember Esteve asked if there is any possibility of the buildings being lower than five-stories. Mr. Berman responded that the design and architecture will disguise some of the height.

Councilmember Gardner asked for the status of the Shell station on the corner. Mr. Berman stated that the owners are uninterested in working with them. Councilmember Gardner also asked if the senior portion would be integrated with the other units or be separated. Mr. Berman responded it will be integrated.

Councilmember Trough asked if there would be any social services for the senior residents. Mr. Berman replied that the units will have amenities for everyone as well as social events.

Councilmember Glass asked if the buildings would be gated or will there be 24 hour security on site. Mr. Berman responded that they have not yet finalized but the buildings will definitely not be gated.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Berman for his presentation.

B. Legislative Update - Mr. Len Lucchi reviewed some of the bills that are before the General Assembly that will affect the City. One of the main bills has to do with restoration of the Highway User Revenues; others deal with Program Open Space, Prince George's Regional Medical Center Act of 2016, land use, forest conservation, greenhouse gas reduction and clean energy jobs. Our state delegates have requested that stranded capital funds in the FY 2015 Capital Budget be redirected to renovations at Whitemarsh Park.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Lucchi for another outstanding year of service.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk