



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, August 1, 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 (Arrived 8:04 p.m.), Polangin and Truth; Acting City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Tameka Washington, 12502 Scarlet Lane – Spoke against the proposed developments behind Marketplace and on the Jesuit property.
2. Fran Longwell, 12611 Safety Turn – Spoke against the proposed apartment complex behind Marketplace, it will increase the numbers of crimes in the City.
3. Albert Succi, 12209 Malin Lane – Spoke against the proposed apartment complex behind Marketplace; concerned with increased traffic and overcrowding of the schools.
4. Larry Swank, 12506 Scarlet Lane – Spoke against the development of the apartment complex behind Marketplace, would like Council to consider a smaller amount of units for the building.
5. Mike Lange, 15022 Running Park – Is against the proposed development from Elm Street Developers along Route 450 in the Jesuit property.
6. Keith Salt, 13503 Ivy Way – Spoke against proposed development on Jesuit property.
7. Colleen Marr, 5806 Crain Highway – Spoke against proposed development on Jesuit property.
8. Dufour Woolfley, 2705 Largo Place – Spoke against proposed development on Jesuit property.
9. Mary Ellen Merkel, 2710 Kenhill Drive – Read a letter from Monsignor Parry from Sacred Heart Church voicing his concerns of the proposed development that will surround Sacred Heart Church. Copy of letter attached.
10. Stan Walker, 13206 Ithan Lane – Spoke against proposed development on Jesuit property.
11. Linda Bailey, 3413 Medina Lane – Spoke against proposed development on Jesuit property.
12. Fiona Moodie, 13205 Ithan Lane – Spoke against proposed development on Jesuit property.
13. Councilmember Polangin read for the record an email she received from Michael Minogue against proposed development on Jesuit property. Copy of email attached.
14. Claudio Poiani, 1402 Partridge Lane – Presented to Council suggestions for updating the welcome signs around the city.

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

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

Proclamation P-16-16 Recognizing Luther Holley and Claudio Poiani for Their Years of Service in Helping Organize Bowie's Memorial Day Parade. Mayor Robinson made a motion to approve Proclamation P-16-16, Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. Mayor Robinson and Council presented the proclamation to Mr. Holley and Mr. Poiani.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Truth moved the appointment of Jacqueline Rhone as a member of the Public Safety Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. Mayor Robinson swore-in Ms. Rhone to the committee.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson announced National Night Out will be held on August 2nd from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Allen Pond Park.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acting City Manager Fitzwater reported on: 1) Bowie Police Department will hold a Community Forum open to all residents on August 22nd, beginning at 7:00 p.m. at the Kenhill Center; 2) New chiller at the Senior Center has been installed will keep residents up to date of when the center will reopen.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of June 20 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of July 5 Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of July 11 Meeting Minutes; D) Approval of Resolution R-43-16 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Frederick Ward Associates for Task Order #1 Professional Services-Development Plan Review, Engineering & Design Services in Accordance With the Master Contract Approved on January 20, 2015; E) Approval of Resolution R-44-16 Approving a Contract With WGL Energy Services, Inc., to Act as an Agent of the City and Perform Purchasing Transactions for Electricity on the PJM Hourly Pricing and Wholesale Fixed Rate Block Markets; F) Approval of Resolution R-45-16 Accepting the Stormwater Management Facility Constructed Under Permit PSWM1-0715 at Benjamin Tasker Middle School and Releasing the Construction Securities Required Therewith; G) Approval of Resolution R-46-16 To Approve an Increase in the Contract Amount to Provide Site and Utility Design Services for New Concession/Restroom Building at Whitemarsh Park; H) Approval of Resolution R-47-16 Authorizing the Acting City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement With Bowie Community Media Corporation Setting Forth the Terms and Conditions Governing Grants From the City to be Used for the Operation and Management of the City's Public Access Studio; I) Approval of Letter to Maryland Transportation Secretary re: City Transportation Priorities for 2016-2017; J) Approval of Letter to Delegates re: Legislative Action Request – Fence Regulations in Prince George's County. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Jesuit Property/Whitemarsh Proposed Residential Development – Mr. Joe Meinert, Bowie Planning Director, introduced Mr. Chris Hatcher from Rifkin, Weiner, Livingston representing Elm Street Developers. The proposed residential development will contain 440 residential units consisting

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of single family dwellings and for-sale townhomes on about 150 acres located on the north and south side of MD 450 near Sacred Heart Church, Whitmarsh Park and Cornerstone Church. The property is not currently located within the City limits. The property will also have to be rezoned from the R-E (Residential Estate) and R-A (Residential Agriculture) zones to the R-S (Residential Suburban, 2.7 – 3.5) zone. Elm Street Developers and City staff will hold a Stakeholders Meeting on the rezoning in the fall, in advance of public hearings at the Bowie Advisory Planning Board and City Council.

Councilmember Polangin has concerns with the possible disruption of the cemetery next to Sacred Heart Church as well as the connecting road that will connect with Idlewild Drive.

Councilmember Esteve commented about his concerns with the traffic increase on MD 450. Mr. Hatcher replied that they will be working closely with State Highway Administration on the widening of the road as well as right-of-way acquisitions.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner asked if there is a way to put restrictive covenants on the property. City Attorney Levan replied that the right to put covenants on a property belongs to the property owner.

Councilmember Truth asked Mr. Meinert if there is any other water service available near this property. Mr. Meinert replied that there is only City water.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Hatcher for his presentation.


B. Hall Road Sidewalk Project Update - Mr. Joe Meinert, Planning Director updated the Council on the parameter changes made by SHA on this project; the limits of work have been expanded beyond the section the City originally agreed to participate in funding. Although many city residents are likely to use the new sidewalk, none of the proposed construction will be located within the city limits, because Hall Road is not located within the jurisdiction of the city. However, the sidewalk located on the north side of Hall Road, from Ashleigh Station Court to the CSX railroad tracks directly abuts against the city boundaries.

Following comments from Council, Councilmember Truth made a motion to approve staff's recommendations in order to keep the project on track with the addition of also sending a letter to the County for their participation in funding and maintenance of the sidewalks, Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Plan to Build 400 Apartments in green space behind Irongate Lane

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Message body

I have lived in my home on Irongate Lane since 1978. The green space behind my home was a farm when I moved here but designated as a playground on the master plan at the time. That was the main reason I bought my home. The Idlewild Community has always been a tranquil very safe place to live, that is why I stayed and have not moved even though my job was in Northern Virginia for most of my thirty five year Federal Career. I believe because there is just one entrance and exit to our Idlewild community it has remained one of the most peaceful and safest of the Bowie at Belair communities. Four hundred apartments will change that.

Weekdays the traffic on Route 450 Defense Highway between Race Track Road and MD Route 3 is routinely bumper to bumper westbound into Bowie. An estimated eight hundred more vehicles a day will compound the problem on a two-lane road already over burdened. If the project must be approved and developed, it is imperative that MD Route 450, Defense Highway be improved to a four-lane highway or better so the community can handle the increase in traffic that this project will promote.

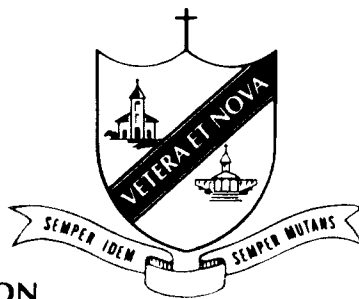
Why can't the developer put single-family homes in the Jesuit Property location to be compatible with the surrounding community? Probably to make more money with no regard for our community. A 400-unit Apartment project will transform our neighborhood and I as well as hundreds of other of my neighbors do not want it.

Having more apartments as the gateway to Bowie from the East does not present a good picture of our community. Please make this decision carefully. Bowie at Belair was developed as a single home and family oriented community, please let us keep it that way. Lets not make the quality of life and traffic worse for the people who live in the Idlewild community. Please vote NO on this project.

Respectfully,
Michael Minogue
Irongate Lane, Bowie, MD

SACRED HEART CHURCH

ARCHDIOCESE OF WASHINGTON



16501 ANNAPOLIS ROAD, BOWIE, MD. 20715

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Dear Bowie City Council,

I am aware that the Jesuit Fathers are interested in selling the property encompassing the Sacred Heart Church campus. While this is not the first time that they have pursued the sale of this property, I know that a contract with a developer has been signed and that they are studying select pieces of the property for possible development.

I have met with the developers and I have informed them that the traffic situation at this location would make it untenable for development around Sacred Heart Church at the present time. In addition, it is my understanding that Route 450 would cost over 60 million dollars to widen and that this project is years away from being funded.

In addition to conveying this message to my own parishioners, I have also sent this message to Senator Doug Peters, Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith and to County Councilman Todd Turner. They are in agreement with me and together they support my position.

Rest assured that I have been closely monitoring this project. It is my plan as the pastor of Sacred Heart Church to do whatever it takes to protect the sacred character of this historic Catholic site and that I will do whatever is necessary to ensure that the rights and privileges of Sacred Heart Church are in no way compromised by future development.

With every grace and blessing, I remain

Sincerely in Our Lord,

The Reverend Monsignor Charles J. Parry
Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church

cc. The Most Reverend Barry Knestout
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington