

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: John L. Fitzwater
Acting City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: November 3, 2016

1. Film Entitled “Tales of Belair and Bowie”

On the evening of October 26th, more than 450 people turned out to the Bowie Center for the Performing Arts to see Jeff Krulik’s documentary about the early days of Belair and Bowie. Krulik grew up in Bowie and has produced documentaries for National Geographic and the Discovery Channel.

His Bowie film, entitled “Tales of Bowie and Belair”, features many of Levitt Bowie’s earliest residents speaking about their experiences and also remarkable footage of the demonstrations against Levitt’s discriminatory housing practices. We will be working with Mr. Krulik to schedule another screening of the documentary, probably in early 2017.

2. Purchase Order to be Issued to Utility, Inc.

Resolution R-14-16 (waiving bidding requirements to allow the purchase of body-worn cameras for the Police Department) was passed by the City Council in April 2016. The five-year contract with Utility, Inc. calls for payments over three fiscal years as follows: (This information was communicated to City Council when the Resolution was adopted and the contract was awarded to Utility, Inc. Authority to issue the FY 2016 payment was included in the Resolution.)

- \$ 70,000 Fiscal Year 2016
- \$170,250 Fiscal Year 2017
- \$170,250 Fiscal Year 2018

The Adopted Fiscal Year 2017 Budget has funds allocated for the \$170,250 payment.

All Officers have received training and the Police Department is fully-satisfied with the hardware, software and service provided thus far by Utility, Inc. As of this date, 55 body-worn cameras are in use by Bowie Officers and 55 in-car systems have been installed in police cruisers.

This notice will serve as the required seven-day notice to City Council of the intent to issue a Purchase Order to Utility, Inc. in the amount of \$170,250.

3. Early Voting

The number of early voters voting at the Gym is as follows:

Thursday, 10/27	3,937	
Friday, 10/28	3,956	
Saturday, 10/29	2,704	
Sunday, 10/30	2,226	
Monday, 10/31	4,027	
Tuesday, 11/1	3,860	
Wednesday, 11/2	<u>4,208</u>	(Largest in the State)
Total	24,918	

We do not have a number for today. Staff plans to analyze our experience using the Gym for early voting to determine the impact on gym clientele and on the Senior Center to determine whether this is an appropriate venue for this activity going forward should the County request using this site in the future.

4. Karington Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Application

Staff has received an application from SLDM LLC of Virginia Beach, VA for tax increment financing for the Karington project at the southwest corner of US Highway 301 and Maryland Route 214 (Central Avenue). The application was accompanied by the required \$10,000 application fee; that check/fee has been deposited. The City TIF Team (City staff, legal counsel, bond counsel, financial advisor) is reviewing the 220-page application. Once the initial review is completed, we will provide Council with a timetable for further review of the application. Staff learned that an application for County TIF funding was made in August so we are observing the County’s review process and are coordinating with County staff.