



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 17, 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, and Trouth; Acting City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Martha Bazarro, Chair, Bowie Green Team Committee – Presented to Council the Sustainable Maryland Award received by the City during the MML Fall Conference.
2. Tameka Washington, Scarlet Lane – Spoke against the development of the Marketplace Apartments.
3. Joe Williams, South Bowie Boys and Girls Club – spoke about concerns of the hunting being allowed on the property across from the football fields on Church Road.
4. Dennis Brady, Paisley Lane – also spoke about concerns with allowed hunting in the Belt Woods property.
5. Fiona Moodie, Ithan Lane – stated the disappointment with Council's lack of appearance during the stakeholders meeting for the Jesuit/Whitemarsh Property.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

Councilmember Esteve moved the appointment of Rodney Yancey as a member of the Financial Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. Mayor Robinson swore-in Mr. Yancey.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acting City Manager Fitzwater reported on: 1) City curbside leaf pick-up begins October 31st, all city neighborhoods will have two scheduled pickups; 2) an Electronics Recycling event will be held at

the Public Works location on October 26th from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 3) Bowie Police Department Drug Take Back program will also take place on October 26th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Esteve moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of October 3 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-59-16 By Two-Thirds Vote Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of the City Charter to Allow the City to Enter Into Contracts With Various Snow Plow Contractors that May Exceed \$25,000 in Aggregate Value; C) Approval of Resolution R-60-16 Approving Variance Application BV-4-16, a Request by Ms. Linda McCormick to Allow the Construction of Approximately 111 Linear Feet of Six-Foot High Fencing Along Oat Ridge Court When, According to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Such Fencing Shall Not be More Than Four Feet High, at 15508 Overchase Lane; D) Approval of Resolution R-61-16 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Crack Filling, E) Approval of Resolution R-62-16 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirement of City Charter, Section 61(b) for Good Cause Shown and Awarding the Purchase and Configuration of a Backup Virtualization Solution to Clearpath Solutions Group; F) Approval of Resolution R-63-16 By Two-Thirds Vote Authorizing the Waiving of Bidding Requirements to Allow for the Purchase of Five Police Vehicles by Piggybacking the State of Maryland Vehicle Bid; G) Introduction of Ordinance O-7-16 Authorizing the Purchase of Several Surplus Parcels of Land Owned by the Maryland State Highway Administration in Connection With the Construction of the MD 564 Bridge Over the Amtrak Northeast Corridor Railroad Tracks, Comprised of the 0.37 Acre Nash Property, the 0.13 Acre Fishkin/Banks Parcel 2 and the 264 Square Foot Banks Parcel 1 Located Within Blocks 29 and 30 in the Subdivision Known as "Plan of the City of Huntington "Bowie", Maryland", at a Cumulative Purchase Price of \$77,279.00, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract of Sale Therefor. Councilmember Trough seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BGE Update – Mr. Michael Fowler and Mr. Matt Fiery briefed Council on BGE's performance over the past year and the programs the company offers. In 2016 BGE marks 200 years of excellent service, growth and innovation. They are committed to first-class customer experience, driving Maryland's economic growth and supporting their communities. BGE's Smartenergy Savers Program is available to customers to conserve energy, save money and improve the environment. As of August 2016 there have been 15 minor storms and 1 major storm that have interrupted service for Bowie customers. BGE will continue its vegetation management strategy in Bowie to maintain system performance. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's office.

Councilmember Glass asked if education, especially for seniors, is available on the rewards program. Mr. Fowler will work with the Senior Center to set-up informational meetings for seniors.

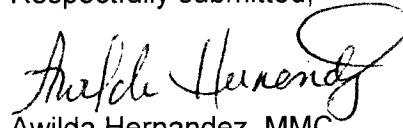
Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Fowler and Mr. Fiery for their presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the City Council meeting, Councilmember Trough seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end of the name.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk