



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2016

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, December 5, 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 (arrived 8:59 p.m.), Marcos and Polangin; Acting City Manager Fitzwater, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Holly Shields from the National Wildlife Foundation and Maria Parisi from Bowie Gardens 4 Wildlife presented Council a certificate recognizing the City of Bowie as a Community Wildlife Habitat.

PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner made a motion to approve Resolution R-71-16 Appointing Mr. Alfred D. Lott as the new City Manager for the City of Bowie. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Robinson swore-in Mr. Lott.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved the appointment of Howard Dobson as a member of the Green Team Executive Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. Mayor Robinson swore-in Mr. Dobson.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson thanked staff for the tree lighting ceremony held at the Belair Mansion and wished everyone a happy holiday.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

Acting City Manager Fitzwater reported: 1) a stakeholder meeting will be held in City Hall on December 10th at 7 p.m. in reference to the Melford Preliminary Plan.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Robinson requested an amendment to Consent Agenda Item F; he would like the first sentence in the letter to state "The City of Bowie urgently requests your assistance to address the serious need for complete pedestrian access improvements on MD 978 (Hall Road).

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of November 21 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-72-16 Approving Departure BD-2-16, A Request by Federal Realty Investment Trust for Departures From the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Section 27-617(a)(1) to Allow One Building Sign With an Area of 56.77sq. ft. and From Section 27-613(b)(1) to Allow a Building Sign be Placed at a Height of 17.5 Feet Above the Roof Line at 15514 Annapolis Road, Bowie, Maryland; C) Approval of Resolution R-73-16 Waiving By a Two-Thirds Vote The Bidding Requirements of Section 61 of The City Charter and Authorizing The City Manager To Enter Into An Annual Support and Licensing Agreement With Tyler Technologies, Inc., Munis Division, To Enable The City's Continued Use of Its Enterprise Resource Planning Software System; D) Approval of Resolution R-74-16 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Traffic Signal Maintenance Services; E) Approval of Resolution R-75-16 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Facility Condition Assessment; F) Approval of Letter to SHA Requesting Design Funding for Hall Road Sidewalk, with Mayor Robinson's requested amendment. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Water Distribution System – Mr. George Stephanos, Public Works Director, and Mr. Byron Matthews, Finance Director, presented a report to Council that analyzes the system, outlines the problems the system is experiencing and a proposed funding strategy to address these issues. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office. The Water and Sewer Fund is a closed system that is supported by 7,900 customers on this system. The proposed capitalization for these improvements are estimated at \$14,396,731 over a 12-year period, in order to sufficiently capitalize these improvements, a special charge of \$22.75 a quarter or \$91.00 a year be levied on the customers of this fund as well as the City taking out a loan of \$5,000,000 in the fourth year of the capitalization program. A rate increase of 10% for FY 2018 and FY 2019 budget and a 5% increase in rates in FY 2020 through FY 2022 is also being proposed. More detailed information will be provided to Council during the budget process for FY 2018.

Public Hearing:

1. Ruth Gross, Tulip Grove Drive – Spoke about concerns on the poor water quality coming into her home.

Since there were no more speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing to have been held.

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Councilmember Esteve asked if this dollar structure is just for recapitalization for pipe replacement, meaning that it would not be for any well repairs, or building repairs. Mr. Stephanos replied that that is correct, it is solely for the intention of the pipe replacements.

Councilmember Esteve also asked what is the dollar estimate of upcoming capital projects planned for the next year. Mr. Stephanos replied that there are several projects on the list, some being the repainting of tanks, well replacements and pump replacements which is probably about a million dollars a year.

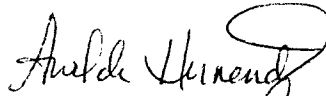
Mayor Pro Tem Gardner asked what will be the process in relining the pipes. Mr. Stephanos replied that the pipes are brushed to remove as much of the tuberculation as possible and then a plastic sleeve is inserted in the pipe that will fuse itself to the current pipe and become structurally sound to support the amount of water that will flow thru the pipes.

Mayor Robinson thanked staff for their report and look forward to more information provided during the budget process.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the City Council Meeting. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez".

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk