

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: March 9, 2017

Status Report

1. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The City's EDC held their regular meeting Wednesday and heard expert briefings about Bowie's existing and projected housing stock as well as the needs for senior and affordable housing. The EDC will continue to explore the topic at their June meeting.

The EDC also noted that nominations are still being accepted for the Tenth Annual Bowie Business Recognition Awards. The nomination deadline is March 30; the awards will be presented May 10th.

The next regular meeting of the EDC is Wednesday April 12, 2017 in Room 243 at City Hall starting at 7:30 a.m. The topic is Micro-Manufacturing.

2. Bowie Solar Co-op Update

The second solar co-op in the City started in January 2017 with the help of MD SUN and MWCOG. There have been three information sessions for it held to date with about 90 total people attending, and there are currently over 50 people that are signed up to participate in the group. Additionally, co-op members recently selected Standard Energy Solutions through a competitive bidding process over 10 other firms to be the solar installer for the group. They will be providing each co-op member with an individualized proposal based on a group rate. By going solar as a group, each participant generally saves up to 20% off the cost of going solar. The co-op will be open to new members until May 31st, and there will be a Bowie Solar Mixer on Thursday, March 16th from 6-7:30pm at Old Bowie Town Grille for those that want to connect with other homeowners interested in going solar or that already gone solar. Residents in Bowie and Prince George's County interested in joining the co-op or attending the mixer can sign up at www.mdsun.org/bowie.

3. Copier Purchases

The FY17 Budget contains \$73,600 for replacement copiers. The Information Technology Department determined that seven existing copiers are at the manufacturer end of life and need to be replaced. The City will piggyback on Fairfax County Contract #4400003990 to purchase Konica Minolta copiers from Meridian for a total cost of \$43,479.60. The devices to be purchased are:

Bizhub C258 – Gymnasium	\$6,707.24
Bizhub C258 – Ice Arena	\$5,958.24
Bizhub 4750 – Ice Arena	\$2,570.91
Bizhub C458 – Youth Services	\$11,978.32
Bizhub 4750 – Youth Services	\$2,570.91
Bizhub C258 – Parks & Grounds	\$8,005.74
Bizhub C258 – PW Engineering	\$5,958.24

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven-day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Meridian for \$43,479.60.

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Attachments



The City of Bowie, Maryland and the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce are celebrating the **Tenth Annual Business Recognition Awards program on Wednesday, May 10, 2017**. The Awards program was created to recognize and celebrate those businesses in the Bowie community that exhibit exemplary efforts to provide outstanding services, products and facilities to all its customers.

NOMINATION INFORMATION

BUSINESS NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE: _____

BUSINESS PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

CONTACT NAME: _____

CATEGORY (choose one):

Business of the Year - This award is for a Bowie company that has demonstrated high-level accomplishments that are a benchmark for other businesses that include financial success, visible community involvement, professional employee work environment, and will excel in customer satisfaction, strategic planning, and business development.

Small Business of the Year -- This award is for a Bowie-based small business that has demonstrated the qualities that make for a prosperous and growing organization in Bowie.

Green Business of the Year - This award is for a company with a Bowie presence who has demonstrated their commitment to environmentally sustainable practices such as energy and water savings, recycling, renewable

energy, reduced chemicals or packaging, or employee carpooling/telework.

Community Service Award - This award is for the Bowie or vicinity business that has demonstrated throughout the year a strong record of involvement in the Bowie community.

Entrepreneur of the Year - This award is for the Bowie business entrepreneur who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and tenacity in managing all facets of business to include growth in profit and employee numbers coupled with such factors as degree of innovation, development of a creative and ingenious product or service, exceptional selling techniques, and extent of expansion into local markets.

NOMINATION INFORMATION:

Why do you feel this business should be considered for the Business Recognition Award? (Please feel free to attach additional pages to this nomination.)

NOMINATOR INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____

DATE: _____

EMAIL: _____

NOMINATION DEADLINE THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2017. Please mail nomination to City of Bowie, Attention: John Henry King, Economic Development Director, 15901 Excalibur Road, Bowie, MD 20716 or fax to 301/809-2315 or email jhking@cityofbowie.org

Bowie Business Recognition Award Winners

Incubator Business of the Year – This award is for a growth oriented professional service firm or technology company in Bowie, with existing clients, who is a member of the Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC) program and whose business has demonstrated a commitment to increasing company revenues and hiring employees.

2014 – Sage Services Group, LLC

2016 – Carnegie Kitchens & Bath

2015 – Avant Garde Engineering Technology

Entrepreneur of the Year – This award is for the Bowie business entrepreneur who has demonstrated outstanding leadership and tenacity in managing all facets of business to include growth in profit and employee numbers coupled with such factors as degree of innovation, development of a creative and ingenious product or service, exceptional selling techniques, and extent of expansion into local markets.

2008 – Robert Thompson

2012 – Mark Torsani

2009 – Greg Dressel &

2013 – Mahi Reddy

Dave Zimmerman

2014 – Cynthia Esparza Crockett & Mark Crockett

2010 – Cindy Freland

2015 – Gateway Title

2011 – Diane Goldstein & Denise Cogar

2016 – Ray Hayden

Small Business of the Year -- This award is for a small business that has demonstrated the qualities that make for a prosperous and growing organization in Bowie.

2008 – Comcare Pharmacy

2013 – Tight N Up Barbershop & Salon Amour

2009 – Curves

2014 – Simple Pleasures Ice Cafe

2010 – Cetrone's

2015 – Diplomat Cleaners

2011 – Best Pie Company

2016 – Heaven Sent Cupcakery

2012 – Mama Cocoa's Delights

Community Service Award – This award is for the Bowie or vicinity business that has demonstrated throughout the year a strong record of involvement in the Bowie community.

2008 – St. John Properties

2013 – Dr. Marc Gabella

2009 – Target

2014 – Bowie Baysox

2010 – WalMart

2015 – Byrd & Byrd LLC

2011 – Texas Roadhouse

2016 – Melvin Motors

2012 – Best Buy

Green Business of the Year – This award is for a company with a Bowie presence who has demonstrated its commitment to environmentally sustainable practices such as energy and water savings, recycling, renewable energy, reduced chemicals or packaging, or employee carpooling/telework.

2012 – MOM Organic Market

2015- Pink Orchid

2013 – TD Bank

2016 – Macy's at Bowie Town Center

2014 – Bowie Town Center

Business of the Year – This award is for a Bowie company that has demonstrated high-level accomplishments that serve as a benchmark for other businesses, including financial success, visible community involvement, professional employee work environment, and excellence in customer satisfaction, strategic planning, and business development.

2008 – The Cakery

2013 – International House of Pancakes

2009 – Wing Zone

2014 – Inovalon, Inc.

2010 – Widmann Financial Services

2015 – Power Solutions

2011 – Old Line Bank

2016 – Patuxent Management

Company / Comfort Inn and Suites

2012 – Grace's Fortune Restaurant