



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2017

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 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, Glass, Marcos, Polangin and Trough; City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Councilmember Esteve asked to move Consent Agenda Item C – Approval of Resolution R-8-17 under New Business as Item D.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Linda Bailey, Medina Lane – Spoke against the construction of the Indoor Sports Facility.
2. James Bailey, Medina Lane – Spoke against the construction of the Indoor Sports Facility.
3. Josh Zive, Overchase Lane – Spoke in support of the Indoor Sports Facility.
4. Cyndi Manuel, Botany Lane – Spoke against the construction of the Indoor Sports Facility.
5. Fiona Moodie, Ithan Lane – Spoke against the construction of the Indoor Sports Facility.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Proclamation P-3-17 Congratulating Prince George's County Fire Chief Marc Bashoor on his retirement. Councilmember Marcos made a motion to approve Proclamation P-3-17, Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0. Council presented the proclamation to Fire Chief Bashoor.
- B. Mayor Robinson swore-in four new Police Officers to the Bowie Police Department and a Police Chaplin. Police Officers: Tashiana Hill, Anthony Imperiale, Christopher Megelick, Taylor Peed and Police Chaplin Johnny Hodge.
- C. Presentation Martin Luther King Jr. Art Contest Winners – Ms. Elveeda Dixon, Chair of the Diversity Committee introduced and presented awards to the winners of the coloring and poster

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

COUNCIL Michael P. Estève ♦ Courtney D. Glass ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Isaac C. Trough **CITY MANAGER** Alfred D. Lott
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categories. A list of the winners is attached hereto. Mayor Robinson congratulated the contest winners on behalf of the Council and thanked the Diversity Committee for an outstanding job and effort they did on the contest.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported: 1) Initial review of departmental 2018 budgets completed, City Manager Lott and Finance Director Matthews working on final reviews in preparation of balance budget to present to Council. 2) In the next year key department leaders will become National Incident Management System (NIMS) Certified in order for the City to be eligible for FEMA money in case something unfortunate happens.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of January 17 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-7-17 Waiving By Two-Thirds Vote the Bidding Requirements of Section 61 of the City Charter, to Allow the City to Enter Into a Contract Amendment With Xerox State & Local Solutions, Inc. (Xerox) to Continue to Provide a Photo Speed Enforcement Program; C) Approval of Resolution R-8-17 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Architect-Engineering Design Services for New Indoor Sports Facility (This item was moved under New Business); D) Approval of Resolution R-9-17 Accepting the Right of Way Improvements Constructed Under the Permit ROW1-0515 at Marketplace and Releasing the Construction Securities Required Therewith; E) Approval of Resolution R-10-17 Accepting the Construction of the Private Stormwater Management Facility Constructed Under the Permit SWM1-0515 at Marketplace and Releasing the Construction Securities Required Therewith; F) Support of Amendments to MC/PG 107-17 (HB 323) re: Rezoning of Property. Councilmember Trouth seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Environmental Advisory Committee Green Bowie – Mr. Gary Allen, Chairman of the Environmental Advisory Committee, followed up on the ten steps toward a Green Bowie for 2017. Some of the major steps to encourage residents toward a Green Bowie are completing the pilot program for composting residential food waste, recycling all plastics as part of the curbside pickup, approve a rebate/incentive of \$500 to the next 100 homes for installing solar power, establish a community garden site for the benefit of residents and non-profits such as the Bowie Food Pantry, and place assessment for construction of Nature Center in CIP for 2018.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Allen and the committee for the work they have done so far in helping to make a better Green Bowie.

B. Police Department Update - Police Chief Nesky and Deputy Chief Preston briefed Council on department statistics, programs and activities. Staffing is at a struggle at the moment, department is authorized at 65, and currently have 61 sworn officers. The call center is making good progress; Call Taker Supervisor has been hired, Linda Shegan and doing a great job so far. On October 1st they deployed the body camera program, 55 cameras deployed; so far they have recorded over 14,381 videos. RAD sessions begin in March and next Citizens Academy will be in April. Unfortunately, there has been a spike on theft from autos, it is not something happening just local but county wide as well.

Councilmember Polangin asked why there are staffing issues. Chief Nesky replied that the applicant pool is getting smaller across the board; all agencies are experiencing it.

Councilmember Esteve asked how the 43% closure rate compares to previous years. Chief Nesky replied that it is about the same, maybe a little bit higher. Councilmember Esteve then asked if the 65 officers needed meets the goals of the department. Chief Nesky replied that staffing is being discussed and probably will be in discussion later in the year during the budget process.

Councilmember Glass asked if more crimes are taking place around the apartment complexes neighborhoods versus single-family residential neighborhoods. Chief Nesky replied that it depends on the type of crime you are looking, could have an increase in apartment complexes just because there are more vehicles parked in one location.

Mayor Robinson thanked Chief Nesky and Deputy Chief Preston for the updates.

C. Mid-Year FY 2017 Budget Report - City Manager Lott provided an overview of the Fiscal Year 2017 mid-year budget as contained in the report dated February 21, 2017, a copy of which is on file at City Hall. Mr. Lott highlighted items in the report that included updates on six major strategic planning goals; provide diversity and customer service training seminars for City staff; completing the conversion from standard definition to high definition for airing City Council meetings; develop comprehensive database management system for documenting Automatic External Defibrillators monthly checks and employee CPR certifications; develop and train a National Incident Management System Type IV Management Team to operate in the City's EOC; maintain the City's Certificate of Achievement for Financial Reporting and Distinguished Budget Presentation Award; determine feasibility of bringing a low cost vaccination and microchipping clinic to a location within the City; continue Energy Audit Program and Urban Greening Program. Mr. Matthews, City Finance Director, went on to report on the financial summary contained in the report as well as the water and sewer funds. The City has a history of actual results outperforming budget estimates. General Fund revenues are projected to be approximately \$48.9 million and expenditures are approximated at \$49.1 million, reducing the fund balance by \$0.2 million. The general fund balance is projected at \$39.1 million at year-end.

Mayor Robinson thanked City Manager Lott and staff for the report.

D. Approval of Resolution R-8-17 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Architect-Engineering Design Services for New Indoor Sports Facility.

Councilmember Esteve expressed that this project does not represent a vital City interest, in fact he would consider this project a poster child example of a nice to have oppose to a need to have project. It represents the largest single expenditure for an amenity in the City's history, almost \$28 million by the time we finish paying off the interest in the debt.

Councilmember Marcos made a motion to approve Resolution R-8-17. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion.

Councilmember Truth commented that this project has been in discussion since 2012 at a time when there was a surplus in the budget, since then a few things have changed; can staff look into how the City can expand the projected tax base.

Motion passed 4-2 (Esteve, Truth)

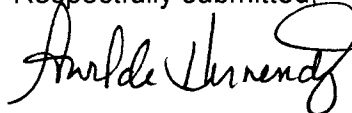
ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Councilmember Truth moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move to Close Session, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(4): To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a

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business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the state. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "A".

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk



Deborah Rice <tricityrealestatellc@gmail.com>

Indoor Sports Complex - PLEASE put on record for tonight's meeting!!!

1 message

Deborah Rice <tricityrealestatellc@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 21, 2017 at 3:31 PM

To: Michael Esteve <Mesteve@cityofbowie.org>, Jmarcos@cityofbowie.org, Hgardner@cityofbowie.org, mayor@cityofbowie.org, Cglass@cityofbowie.org, itrouth@cityofbowie.org, Dpolangin@cityofbowie.org

Cc: mbaird@cityofbowie.org

Bcc: Albert Myers <albert1705@gmail.com>

Dear Mayor and City Council,

This letter is to address your desire to have the citizens of Bowie pay for an Indoor Sports Complex. We are seriously opposed to this development and believe your unnecessary raise in taxes should be used to improve our infrastructure. Your continuous choice to allow high-density development, without improving the infrastructure and schools, is absurd. Even the thought of a sports complex in the city is a slap in the face to the taxpayers. Another example of NOT listening to your constituents! We were told that changes that directly affect the citizens would become more transparent. WHEN are you going to start alerting the citizens of these big projects instead of on the same day? Where is the transparency? Seriously, it seems as if you could care less about any of us anymore and are just laughing in our faces.

How can you justify a \$2 million bid from an architectural firm to begin designing a new \$28 million facility for two Olympic size ice rinks and new courts. The operating costs will be half a million and the city is struggling to balance its books. Do you feel that a half a million in annual loss is okay? Why not renovate the ice rink we already have at Allen's Pond for \$1 million?

How about holding a town meeting? One during the day so the seniors (many do not drive) can attend and one at night for those who work. Take the challenge - I bet you will not want to face your city with the REAL truth. Bring a list with you of ALL of the developments that you are approving and open it up for discussion. Are you brave enough to come out of closed doors? Hard to believe you will since only one of you can even find the time/willingness to address a letter from a constituent.

Sincerely,

John & Deborah Rice

3127 Belair Drive - 20715 homeowners and business owners

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Deborah Rice
Broker/Owner

Tri-Cities Real Estate, LLC

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City of Bowie

Martin Luther King, Jr. Art Contest

2017 Winners

Coloring Category (Kindergarten - Second Grade)

<u>Name</u>		<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Arna Gungol		Heather Hills Elementary School	2	1	\$75
Joseph Harrison		St. Pius X Regional School	2	2	\$50
Jesus Peral Herrera		Pointer Ridge Elementary School	2	3	\$25

Poster Category (Third - Fifth Grade)

<u>Name</u>		<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Gabrielle Patterson		Tulip Grove Elementary School	4	1	\$100
Jasmine Davids		Pointer Ridge Elementary School	4	2 (tie)	\$75
Jocelyn Gross		Whitehall Elementary School	5	2 (tie)	\$75
Ajaah Holmes		Pointer Ridge Elementary School	3	3	\$50

Video Category (Sixth - Twelfth Grade)

<u>Name</u>		<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Prize</u>
Camden Baker		St. Pius X Regional School	7	1 (tie)	\$150
Morgan Travers		Benjamin Tasker Middle School	8	1 (tie)	\$150

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Date: 2/21/17 Time: 10:15 Location: CH 182 Motion to close meeting made by: Trouth

Seconded by Marcos Members voting in favor: Trouth, Marcos, Robinson, Polansky, Esteve
Glass Opposed: _____ Abstaining: _____ Absent: Gardner

STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b) (check all that apply):

- (1) To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; or any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals;
- (2) To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business;
- (3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto;
- (4) To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State;
- (5) To consider the investment of public funds;
- (6) To consider the marketing of public securities;
- (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter;
- (8) To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation;
- (9) To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations;
- (10) To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans;
- (11) To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination;
- (12) To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct;
- (13) To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter;
- (14) Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

§3-305(b) (4) Discussion concerning keeping a business in the city.

§3-305(b) () _____

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This statement is made by Maya Robinson, Presiding Officer: 
SIGNATURE

WORKSHEET FOR USE IN CLOSED SESSION (CHECKLIST OF DISCLOSURES TO BE MADE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING- NOT A PART OF THE CLOSING STATEMENT)

PERSONS ATTENDING CLOSED SESSION: Robinson, Trouth, Marcos, Polansky, Esteve, Glass, Lott
Fitzwater, Levan

TOPICS ACTUALLY DISCUSSED Keeping a business in the city

ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY) AND RECORDED VOTES: _____

TIME CLOSED SESSION ADJOURNED: 10:35 PM

PLACE OF CLOSED SESSION Bowie City Hall

PURPOSE OF CLOSED SESSION: Discuss keeping a business in the city

STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE CLOSED SESSION: §3-305(b) (4); (1); (1)

MEMBERS WHO VOTED TO CLOSE: Trouth, Marcos, Robinson, Polansky, Esteve, Glass