



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, July 3, 2017 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:02 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 Gardner, Marcos, Polangin, and Truth; City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, and the Public.

### CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

#### A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Truth moved the appointment of Albert and Susan Curley as members of the Board of Elections for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
2. Mayor Robinson swore-in the new members to their committee.
3. Mayor Robinson moved the reappointment of Valerie Hall-Yancey and John Scoulios as members of the Administrative Review Board for a 2-year term. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
4. Mayor Robinson moved the reappointment of Michael Byrd and Deidre Trass as members of the Advisory Planning Board for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
5. Councilmember Polangin moved the reappointment of Margaret Herman, Kathleen Parker and Margaret Suddeth as members of the Arts Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
6. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved the reappointment of Gail Elkins and Jacqueline Brooks-Rhone as members of the Board of Personnel Appeals for a 2-year term. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
7. Councilmember Polangin moved the reappointment of Carisa Chappell, Sharon Hunt, LaAndra DeShields and Tola Idowu as members of the Community Outreach Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

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

**COUNCIL** Michael P. Estève ♦ Courtney D. Glass ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Isaac C. Truth    **CITY MANAGER** Alfred D. Lott  
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8. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved the reappointment of Donna McCorkle and Karl Stehmer as members of the Community Recreation Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
9. Councilmember Polangin moved the reappointment of Gwendalina McClain-Digby and Bola Odejimi as members of the Diversity Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
10. Councilmember Marcos moved the reappointment of Asuntha Chiang-Smith, Sherman Ragland, Jerry Dawson and Regina Tawah as members of the Economic Development Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
11. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved the reappointment of Jacqueline Lord and Dr. Norma Martof as members of the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
12. Councilmember Truth moved the reappointment of Ismael "Vince" Canales, Karl Stehmer, John "Jay" Fagan, Daniel Thomas, Jim Holderbaum, Benjamin Woolery and Alan Kolski as members of the Ethics Commission for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
13. Councilmember Truth moved the reappointment of Muzar Jah, Tiffany Lightbourn, Meglan Knights, and Patricia Peterson as members of the Financial Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
14. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved the reappointment of Martha Bazaruto, Larry Marx and Jacqueline Lord as members of the Green Team Executive Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
15. Councilmember Polangin moved the reappointment of James Coliton as a member of the Information Technology Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.
16. Councilmember Truth moved the reappointment of Earl Braxton and Jeffrey Cooper as members of the Public Safety Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported that the adopted Fiscal Year 2018 Budget and Capital Improvements Program has been finalized and posted on the City's website.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of Resolution R-35-17 Authorizing the City Manager to Engage a Certified Public Accountant for the Annual Audits for Fiscal Years 2017-2020; B) Approval of Resolution R-36-17 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie By a Two Thirds Vote to Allow for the Rental of Leaf Collection Trucks and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into a Contract With Herc Rentals in the Amount of \$60,940; C) Approval of Resolution R-37-17 By Two-Thirds Vote Authorizing the Waiving of Bidding Requirements to Allow for the Purchase of Two (2) International Diesel Dump Trucks by Piggybacking a Baltimore County Bid; D) Approval of Resolution R-39-17 Approving an Amendment of Annexation Agreement and Declaration of Covenants Restricting the Use of the Property Known as Melford to Revise the Methodology for Permitting Future Uses Within the Flex Space Buildings in the Project and Adopting a List of Prohibited Uses Within the Flex Space Buildings; E) Approval of Letter to Prince George's County Dpt. of Public Works & Transportation re: Mitchellville Road Improvements. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Development Review Guidelines and Policies – Mr. Joe Meinert, Planning Department Director, briefed Council on the proposed guidelines. The update has several purposes such as eliminating unworkable or redundant language, inclusion of new detailed development review standards in the County Zoning Ordinance Rewrite, opportunity to reorganize the document along the lines of the County's General Plan planning policies which were approved in Plan Prince George's 2035 in 2014. It will also allow City Council the opportunity to examine and make any needed updates to its policies, especially land use policies, prior to the start of the Master Plan update process. Staff sent notices of these guidelines to stakeholders, City Committee Chairs and Department Heads for comments. In addition, staff notified City residents through the City newsletter, the Bowie-Blade newspaper and posted on the City website. On August 7<sup>th</sup> a public hearing will be held for citizens comments, with approval of an adopting resolution on September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Councilmember Gardner asked what were some of the recommendations received from the citizens. Mr. Meinert replied that there were several in regards to open space, energy policies, and electric vehicle charging stations.

Councilmember Truth has concerns with the last sentence in the first paragraph under Stakeholders Meetings on page 5, he feels that all development items should have a stakeholders meeting not just on a case-by-case basis, as the need arises.

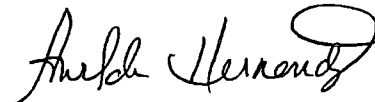
Mayor Robinson noted that on page 14, number 1 in reference to development of the Bowie racetrack; that part of it will only be single-family, low density residential. Mr. Meinert said it has always been set that way.

Mayor Robinson thanked staff for the information and looks forward to the citizens input at the public hearing.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk