

## MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: Alfred D. Lott, CPM  
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report* DATE: September 14, 2017

### *Status Report*

1. City Savings as a Result of BRCPC Electric Purchases

The City has received information showing the savings for the City of Bowie over the last eleven fiscal years as a result of participating in Baltimore Regional Cooperative Purchasing Committee (BRCPC) for the purchase of electricity. The savings is calculated by comparing the BRCPC portfolio actual rate/cost with the BGE provider of last resort rate, which is the rate BGE customers pay who do not purchase their electricity from a third party supplier. From FY 2007 through FY 2017, the City of Bowie has saved a total of \$1,748,132 by paying the BRCPC rate as opposed to the BGE provider of last resort rate. For FY 2017, this saving amounted to \$156,143 for the City of Bowie.

2. ATHA Meeting in Bowie

The Governing Board of the Anacostia Trails Heritage Area (ATHA) will be holding their quarterly meeting at Bowie City Hall next Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in Room 181. ATHA advocates for, organizes, and promotes heritage tourism in a way that fosters economic development while revealing and protecting the cultural, historic, and natural resources in each community. Many of the top elected officials from municipalities in Prince George's County are members of the Governing Board. The City joined as a dues-paying member of the non-profit last year. The Executive Director, Mr. Aaron Marcavitch, has made several presentations to Council about his organization and is hoping that some Councilmembers will stop by the meeting next week to meet the Board members and hear more about their work. Please consider attending at least a portion of the meeting, if possible.

3. Economic Development Committee

The EDC held their regular meeting Wednesday with six of its eleven members present, plus five guests. Comments to Council on the revised Development Review Guidelines were adopted and the final letter is being prepared. The FY 2018 Topics and Meeting Schedule was adopted. Four of the five guests are considering applying to be on the EDC. The next regular EDC meeting is Wednesday October 11, 2017, at 7:30 AM.

4. Annual Audit of Fiscal Year 2017

On September 11, 2017, the annual audit for fiscal year 2017 commenced in earnest. The accounting firm of CliftonLarsonAllen was selected to perform this year's audit. The Engagement Director, Aires R Coleman, CPA, with several of her colleagues conducted the City's entrance conference meeting on July 26, 2017. The purpose of the meeting was to establish the audit process, timeline and provide information on the City's internal controls. The audit fieldwork is scheduled to conclude by September 30, 2017, with the final report issued by November 1, 2017.

5. Leaf Disposal

The City's curbside leaf collection is scheduled for October 30 – December 15, 2017. It is estimated that 1,500 tons of leaves will be collected. The Public Works Department has identified a Howard County Government Contract with Harvest RGI, LLC for the processing and hauling of bulk leaves, which meets the City's needs, at a cost of \$33.75 per ton of leaves collected and \$3,700 for equipment rental to load leaves. Harvest RGI will use the City's scale to weigh each load as it leaves the Public Works facility.

The Public Works Department recommends that we piggyback on the Howard County Government Contract for the processing and hauling of bulk leaves by Harvest RGI, LLC, in an estimated amount of \$54,325. The budget for this work is \$64,000. The funds for the leaf disposal will come out of the Solid Waste Disposal Fees account.

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven (7) day notice of intent to enter into an Agreement with Harvest RGI, LLC for the processing and hauling of bulk leaves.

6. Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL)

The City's first stormwater pond upgrade to meet TMDL requirements is underway at Midwood Lane. The project will modify the current dry stormwater detention area to a pond with a permanent pool that will provide the desired water quality improvements. Preliminary work includes site clearing and relocation of a sanitary sewer line. Site clearing is near complete. The overall construction timeline extends until January 2018. A location map and photo are attached.

7. Hurricane Harvey Fundraisers

Through the generous donations of Bowie residents, between August 30 and September 2, 2017, the City collected \$5,850 for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. The proceeds are being sent to the Greater Houston Community Foundation's Hurricane Relief Fund. The Police Department sent a large amount of toiletries, underwear, food and water, and other basic necessities donated by the Bowie community, to law enforcement officials in the Port Arthur, Texas area.

