



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2017

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, December 4, 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, Gardner, Marcos (Arrived 8:04p.m.), Polangin and Trouth; City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, City staff, the Press, and the Public.

### PRESENTATIONS:

- A. The Maryland Association of Youth Service Bureau presented an award to Senator Doug Peters for his support in maintaining state funding for services to families.
- B. Senator Doug Peters and City Council presented the 2017 Bowie Veteran of the Year Award to Judge Gerard Devlin.
- C. Mayor Robinson swore-in Police Officer David McIlwain and Police Officer Karen McKenzie.

### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson wished everyone a Happy Holiday.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of Resolution R-75-17 Approving Variance Application BV-9-17, a Request by Robert Naugle to Allow the Construction of Approximately 30 Additional Linear Feet of Six Foot High Wooden Fencing Along Old Chapel Road When, According to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Such Fencing Shall Not be More Than Four Feet High, at 4000 Welsley Lane; B) Approval of Resolution R-76-17 Approving Variance Application BV-10-17, a Request by William Alli for a Variance of Two Feet From the Minimum Eight Foot Side Yard Setback Requirement of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance to Allow the Construction of a 12-Foot by 26-Foot Attached Garage Addition Onto the West Side of the Dwelling Unit at 2803 Baker Lane; C) Approval of Resolution R-77-17 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

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

**COUNCIL** Michael P. Estève ♦ Courtney D. Glass ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Isaac C. Trouth    **CITY MANAGER** Alfred D. Lott  
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System; D) Approval of letter to Prince George's County Planning Department re: Zoning Ordinance Rewrite; E) Approval of support of Prince George's County Delegation Bills PG 401-18 and PG 402-18 re: Magnetic Levitation Transportation System. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. BGE Update – Ms. Mendy Baggett and Mr. Matt Fiery of BGE briefed Council on BGE's performance over the past year. Phase 1 of the Queen Anne substation to Mitchellville Substation Diverse Routing project was completed in Q4 of 2016, Phase 2 began in January 2017 which consists of pole renewals and pulling cable in conduits was completed on November 1, 2017. The system in Bowie has performed well with minor interruptions during major and minor storms.

Council thanked BGE for the updates and look forward to continuing improvements on the feeders in the City.

B. Budget Guidance for FY 2019 - City Finance Director Byron Matthews, provided a presentation on the budget development schedule, revenue and expenditure policies, capital financing and debt management policies, and the revenue outlook by state, county and city for Fiscal Year 2019. Major factors affecting the FY 2019 Budget will be the federal and state budget cuts, which could reduce income tax and other revenues. Intergovernmental Revenues are projected to decrease by 17.6% in FY 2018. The City's water and sewer fund which is a self-supporting entity financed entirely by user charges has had a decline in user consumption. In summary, the City's financial position remains strong and essential core services continue to be provided while maintaining a constant property tax rate that has not increased in the last 8 years. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall.

Councilmember Esteve asked Mr. Matthews to explain the 10% debt service to revenue threshold that the City is expected to maintain in regards to the new ice arena. Mr. Matthews explained that the City would be in line with the threshold.

Councilmember Esteve stated that he has concern with supporting a budget that will have no reduction in spending and continue to use reserves for regular operating expenses versus saving for future substantial economical downturns.

Councilmember Truth would like to know what the projected reserves number would be for FY 19 through FY 23 for some clarity that go in line with Councilmember Esteve's comments of using reserves for regular operating expenses. City Manager Lott responded that staff will present that information to Council in a future meeting.

Councilmember Marcos commented that the budget has always been addressed seriously and because of that, the City is in a great position.

City Manager Lott responded that the City is in one of the best fiscal condition he has seen in the past 19 years of his career in local government.

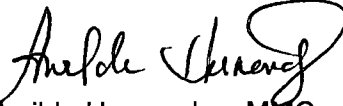
Mayor Robinson thanked staff for the presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

December 4, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk