



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 21, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, May 21, 2018 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, Trough and Woolfley; City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

1. Councilmember Trough made a motion to appoint Lisa Henkel to the Board of Personnel Appeals. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Mayor Robinson swore-in Ms. Henkel.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson reminded everyone of the Memorial Day events that will take place in the City this upcoming weekend. The parade will take place on Saturday at 10:00am along Belair Drive, then on Sunday at 7:00p.m. there will be a concert at Allen Pond Park and on Monday, the Memorial service will take place at Veterans Park in Old Bowie at 11:00 a.m.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported on the hiring of the Assistant Public Works Director, Building Maintenance Manager and HVAC Technician.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Woolfley moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of March 19 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Proclamation P-8-18 Celebrating Memorial Day 2018; C) Introduction of Ordinance O-5-18 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018, as Set Forth in Ordinance O-2-17, and Amended by O-1-18, to Appropriate Funds for the Purchase of a Parcel of Land Owned by the Maryland State Highway Administration at a Price of \$99,000.00; D) Approval of Resolution R-31-18 Approving Variance

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

COUNCIL Michael P. Estève ♦ Courtney D. Glass ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Isaac C. Trough ♦ Dufour Woolfley **CITY MANAGER** Alfred D. Lott
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Application BV-3-18, a Request by Sandra and Peter Frank to Allow the Construction of Approximately 252 Linear Feet of Six Foot High, Vinyl Replacement Fencing Along Belair Drive When, According to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Such Fencing Shall Not be More Than Four Feet High, at 12613 Bunting Lane; E) Approval of Resolution R-32-18 Approving Variance Application BV-4-18. A Request by Patricia McBride to Allow the Construction of Approximately 96 Linear Feet of Six Foot High Vinyl Replacement Fencing Along Mackell Lane When, According to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Such Fencing Shall Not be More Than Four feet High, at 12012 Millstream Drive. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Approval of Ordinance O-4-18 Authorizing the Purchase of a Parcel of Land Owned by the Maryland State Highway Administration, Shown on Plat #60886 Entitled "MD 197 Replacement of Bridge No. 16020 Over Amtrak" Dated July 6, 2017, Being Former Sidney Horowitz Property Shown on Prince George's County Tax Map 29, Grid B-3 in the Subdivision Known as "Plan of the City of Huntington "Bowie", Maryland", Comprising 0.51± Acres, at a Price of \$99,000.00, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract for the Purchase Thereof – Planning Director Joe Meinert summarized the staff report. The property is owned by the Maryland State Highway Administration but the City has improved and maintained the public parking lot. The City would like to acquire this property to preserve open space; it will allow the City to influence land use for a particular property; it will facilitate redevelopment or revitalization; and it will be to the best interest of the City as determined by the City Council.

Public Hearing:

Since there were no speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Esteve made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-4-18. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

B. Adoption of Constant Yield Tax Rate, FY 2019 Budget Ordinance O-3-18 and Capital Improvements Program Resolution R-23-18 – City Manager Lott summarized the staff report that includes the recommend Council changes from the last Budget Worksession. The new FY 2019 Budget will be \$57,723,900 instead of \$59,885,700, which is consistent with a tax rate of \$.40 per \$100.

Public Hearing:

1. Verna Teasdale, Midwood Lane – Spoke against Council's decision to not raise taxes and continue to deplete the fund balance.

Since there were no more speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Esteve made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-3-18 with recommended changes and keeping the tax rate at \$.40 and CIP Resolution R-23-18. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

Councilmembers thanked staff for the work on the budget.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. City Lobbyist Report – Mr. Len Lucchi, City Lobbyist reported that Bowie bond bills were fully funded, both Maryland Municipal League initiatives were enacted and the local bill that Bowie submitted was also enacted. Mr. Lucchi introduced Bowie's State Legislators Senator Douglas JJ Peters, Delegate Joseph Vallario, and Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith.

Senator Peters reported on education funding; Prince George's County receives the most amount of money than any other county or Baltimore City in the state of Maryland. Prince George's County also receives the second most capital money that helps with the schools. He also spoke about a question that will be on the ballot, which asks if we want the casino money to go towards education funding. The schools in the City that will benefit of this extra funding in FY 2019 will be the Belair Annex, Tulip Grove Elementary. Items that did not happen in this year's assembly; the funding for Rt 197 was not taken out, and MAGLEV will not be coming through Bowie.

Delegate Vallario reported on the grants that were approved for the City: \$75,000 for the upgrade of the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department; \$100,000 for the Bowie Emergency Operations Center; \$250,000 for the Bowie Senior Center upgrades; and \$100,000 for the Bowie Boys and Girls Club to ensure handicap accessibility at the facility.

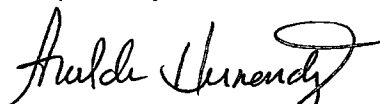
Delegate Valentino-Smith reported on Highway User Revenues, Bowie will receive close to a million dollars in restoration of highway user fund. School safety was a high priority this year, funding has been done for security training in the schools; for the wrap around services to access a child/student that is in need of mental health services; the need for SRO's officers in the schools.

Councilmembers thanked Mr. Lucchi, Senator Peters, Delegates, Vallario, Valentino-Smith and Holmes for the great efforts to help the City.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Councilmember Marcos moved to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting and move to Close Session Statutory Authority to Close Session, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(3): To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto and §3-305(b)(7): To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Councilmember Trough seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

This form has two sides. Complete items 1 – 4:

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 5/21/18; Time: _____; Location: CH 182;
Motion to close meeting made by: JM Seconded by JW Truth;
Members in favor: All; Opposed: N/A;
Abstaining: N/A; Absent: HG - A : 8:54 PM.

2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply):**

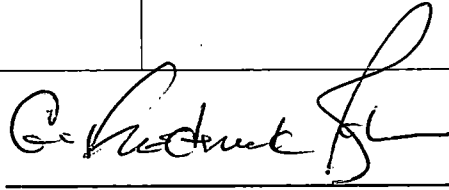
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(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; 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"; (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."

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) (3)	Real Estate	Consider offer to purchase City Property
§3-305(b) (7)	Consult with Counsel	Discuss status of Power Purchase Agreement
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4. This statement is made by _____, Presiding Officer.

WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION THAT MUST BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING

Time of closed session: 9:02 Place: Bowie City Hall
 Purpose(s): 3, 7, Real Estate and consult with attorney
 Members who voted to meet in closed session: Robinson Esteve Glass Marcos Truth Woolfley
 Persons attending closed session: Robinson Esteve Gardner Glass Marcos Woolfley Levan Lott Mears Meinert
 Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: 3, 7
 Topics actually discussed: Offer to Purchase City Property; Discuss PPA
 Actions taken: _____ Each recorded vote: _____

For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: _____
 Place: _____ Persons present: _____ Subject matter discussed: _____