



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2018

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, June 18, 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, Gardner, Glass, Truth and Woolfley; City Manager Lott, City Clerk Hernandez, City Attorney Levan, City staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Melvina Ford, Wakefield Lane – Spoke in regards to having an indoor turf facility built in the City (copy of comments attached).

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Proclamation P-10-18 Proclaiming June 18-24, 2018 Pollinator Week in the City of Bowie. Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve Proclamation P-10-18. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Council presented the proclamation to the members of the Green Team.

B. Proclamation P-11-18 Recognizing Mrs. Myers as 2018 Prince George's County Teacher of the Year. Councilmember Truth made a motion to approve Proclamation P-11-18. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0. Council presented the proclamation to Mrs. Myers and thanked her for her service in educating the fine students of the City and County.

C. Swearing-in of new Police Officers - Mayor Robinson swore-in Police Officers Mohamed Kabba and Tyrone Merritt to the Bowie Police Department.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson commented that on July 2 the City will host an Independence Day celebration at Bowie Baysox Stadium and thanked the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for the use of the stadium.

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

COUNCIL Michael P. Estève ♦ Courtney D. Glass ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Isaac C. Truth ♦ Dufour Woolfley **CITY MANAGER** Alfred D. Lott
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CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott had no report.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of April 9 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of April 10 Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of Resolution R-38-18 Approving Variance Application BV-5-18, a Request by Jarvis Wilson for a Variance of Six Feet From the 25 Foot Front Yard Setback Requirement of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance to Allow the Construction of a 25 Foot by 23 Foot Attached Garage Addition Onto the Front of the Dwelling Unit at 15610 Passaie Lane; D) Approval of Resolution R-39-18 Accepting Bid for Street Light Maintenance; E) Approval of Resolution R-40-18 Accepting Bid Proposal for Church Road Park Replacement Irrigation Well; F) Approval of Resolution R-41-18 Accepting a Bid Proposal for Renovations to Senior Center HAC System; G) Approval of Resolution R-42-18 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an Amendment to a Mutual Aid Agreement With the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission for an Annual Fourth of July Event at Prince George's Stadium. Councilmember Glass seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Ordinance O-6-18 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2017 and Ending June 30, 2018, Embodied in Ordinance O-2-17, as Amended by Ordinance O-1-18 and O-5-18, to Authorize the Transfer of Certain Amounts in the 2017-2018 Budget to Pay for Anticipated Expenses – City Manager Lott summarized the staff report, this is a standard housekeeping process at the end of each fiscal year.

Public Hearing:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner made a motion to adopt Emergency Ordinance O-6-18. Councilmember Glass seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-1 (Woolfley).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ice Arena Presentation – Mr. Amado Fernandez and Mr. Keith Driscoll with Hughes Group Architects briefed Council on the tasks their firm were assigned in regards to the building structures for the new Sport Facility/Ice Arena. The firm analyzed the different systems, conventional construction, tilt-up construction and pre-engineered metal building (PEMB) construction. The proposed design is a hybrid model using conventional construction and PEMB. They also looked into air supported structures and tension fabric structures. Air supported structures although are ideal for creating large obstruction free space, they have a limited flexibility in design, are not very well suited for permanent structures, and are highly susceptible to weather damage. The tension fabric structure is a membrane envelope supported with a rigid frame, it also has a limited design flexibility and susceptible to weather damage. The cost assessment between the proposed construction of conventional/PEMB hybrid and the air supported structure will have a first cost savings of about \$575,000 or 2.5% overall if doing the air supported structure. This system will probably have to be replaced within 20 years at an approximate expense of \$1,200,000 just for the membrane replacement.

The second task was to assess a site and capital budget requirements for a competitive indoor court facility. The project site would require 10-12 acre of developable land, which will account for a single story building, 250 parking spaces and the required SWM and site grading. The estimated total project cost for the indoor court facility would be anywhere in the range of \$27,800,000 and \$33,300,000.

Councilmember Woolfley commented on how the facility at Holy Trinity has space for two courts, locker rooms, and office space all under the one dome and they keep it inflated all year long, why wouldn't the City be able to do that. Mr. Driscoll responded that no manufacturers they spoke to recommend having it structured that way.

Councilmember Truth asked what the least expensive option for the City is. Mr. Driscoll responded the hybrid structure for the ice rink. Councilmember Truth then asked what design would be used for courts. Mr. Fernandez responded that if the City wants hardwood floors then they recommend the same structure as for the ice rink, if you go with synthetic floors on the courts then you could have the possibility of doing an air-supported structure.

Councilmember Glass asked what is the life span of each type of flooring for the courts. Mr. Fernandez responded the hardwood could last 25 to 30 years, synthetic about 20 years.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner stated that he likes what was presented but cannot support the cost of both facilities.

Councilmember Esteve stated that he would like to replace the existing ice arena facility at the most effective cost and continue with the original plan of the two-sheet ice arena.

Council concurred to continue with the previously approved construction plan of the two-sheet ice arena at the Church Road location for the price of \$24,000,000 and have staff research new locations for additional court spaces as funded in the CIP for FY 2019.

B. City Lobbyist Report – Mr. Bruce Bereano, City Lobbyist thanked Council for allowing him to work with the Executive Branch of the State Government representing the City of Bowie. Although no actions were presented, he stayed in contact with Mr. Lott providing any updates.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting and move to Close Session Statutory Authority to Close Session, General Provisions Article, §3-305(b)(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 and §3-305(b)(7): To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Bowie City Council Meeting
June 18, 1018
Citizen Participation – Remarks by Melvina Ford

Good evening. My name is Melvina Ford, and I am here with my 8 year old son, Reid. He attends Whitehall Elementary School and plays on the Bowie Boys & Girls Club county travel soccer team.

I am here tonight to add my voice to the many who are asking the city to create an indoor turf facility in Bowie. Specifically, I ask the council to consider using an inflatable sports dome for this purpose. A domed field could be used for soccer, lacrosse and football during this area's cold winter and extremely hot summer months, when it is not an option or safe for children to practice outside.

I understand that the city undertook a feasibility study to determine what recreational facilities to build and decided to build a 2 rink ice rink, and I appreciate that that decision was based on the belief that the rink would pay for itself with market rate rentals. I was further excited to learn that the council directed the city manager to evaluate the alternative of sports domes. Regrettably, the Alternative Structure Evaluation Report included with this evening's agenda does not include the inflatable dome option for a turf field. Instead, it covers dome options for ice and courts at the cost of \$20+million dollars each.

This city has the option of installing an inflatable, climate controlled sports dome over 1 of its 2 existing turf fields, Murtagh at Allen Pond or White Marsh. Preliminary research suggests that the purchase cost would likely be less than \$1 million, and annual operating costs to have the dome inflated during peak winter and summer months would likely be less than \$150,000.

The City already receives some revenue from use of these fields through the permitting process. A dome allowing these fields to be used in the height of winter and summer would increase revenue potential, even if the city subsidized usage by Bowie's youth.

At present, there are no options for indoor turf play in Bowie. As a result, Bowie sports teams, like my son's soccer team, often don't practice in the off-season and yet compete against teams from Anne Arundel County that are training year round.

This year, we tried to work around this problem by asking to use the Bowie Gymnasium to practice ball control skills with our coach in regular tennis shoes, and we were told that the gym could only be used for basketball or volleyball. This means that **not only are there no indoor turf options in Bowie, but there are no indoor options for soccer at all.**

It is simply not safe for our children to play soccer outdoors in 90+ degree heat and humidity. According to the Journal of Applied Physiology, **exertional heat stroke is the third-leading cause of sudden death in high school athletes.**

I am asking the council to direct staff to evaluate the use of an inflatable sports dome over an existing turf field during the peak winter and summer months. This is a cost effective solution that meets the well voiced needs of this city's residents.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you this evening.

**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: 6/18/18; Time: 9:53pm Location: CH 182;
Motion to close meeting made by: Gardner Seconded by Woolfley;
Members in favor: Robinson, Esteve, Gardner, Glass, Truth, Woolfley; Opposed: _____;
Abstaining: _____; Absent: Marcos.

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

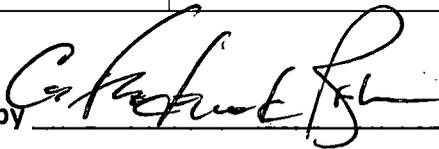
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(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) (7)	Consult with Counsel	Discussion on Power Agreements
§3-305(b) (10)	School Security	Discussion on school security and Police Departments involvement.
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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:

session: 9:59pm Place: Bowie City Hall
 Purpose(s): 7, 10 Consult w/Attorney and school security
 Members who voted to meet in closed session: Robinson, Esteve, Gardner, Glass, Truth, Woolfley
 Persons attending closed session: Robinson, Esteve, Gardner, Glass, Truth, Woolfley, Levan, Lott, Nesky, Hernandez, Comwell
 Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: 7, 10
 Topics actually discussed: status of power agreements, Police Dpt involvement in school security
 Actions taken: None Each recorded vote: _____

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