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City Council Selects Darian Senn-Carter to Fill Council Vacancy

Last night, the Bowie City Council selected Darian Senn-Carter to fill the vacancy in the District 3 Council seat. The vacancy was created when former Councilmember Courtney Glass resigned from the Council in December 2018. Dr. Senn-Carter will take the oath of office at the Council's next Regular Meeting on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 and will serve until the next City election in November 2019, when he will be eligible to run for a full four-year term on the Council.

Candidates for the seat were interviewed by Councilmembers in closed sessions on Saturday, February 2nd, Tuesday, February 5th, and Wednesday, February 6th. Each applicant was allotted 15 minutes to answer a series of questions posed by Councilmembers. There were initially 27 individuals interested in the vacant seat, but three of the applicants dropped out prior to the interviews, leaving a field of 24 candidates.

Due to the large number of applicants and the fact that the interviews were conducted on three separate days, Council decided to close the interviews to the press and public to allow all candidates an equal opportunity to hear and answer the questions, without the benefit of knowing the responses of those who came before them. The authority to close a meeting for personnel matters and appointments is permitted under the Maryland Open Meetings Act. The interviews can be viewed on the City website at www.cityofbowie.org/viewmeetings. They will also be broadcast on the government channel (Verizon 10/Comcast 71) on the next two Fridays, Sundays, and Tuesdays at 7 p.m. (February 8, 10, 12, 15, 17 and 19).

Before announcing the selection, Mayor G. Frederick Robinson thanked all of the candidates for their interest in serving and stated that the "pool of applicants was incredible and that the strength and depth of their talents reflected well on the City." He also thanked the sitting Councilmembers for their dedication and thoughtful deliberation throughout the selection process.

Dr. Senn-Carter is currently a member of the Anne Arundel Community College faculty where he teaches in the Homeland Security and Criminal Justice Institute. He was previously employed by Baltimore City as an Emergency Planner. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park, and earned a Master of Science from Towson University and a Doctorate in Education from Edgewood College in Wisconsin. Darian Senn-Carter resides in the Enfield Chase neighborhood of Bowie.

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