

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, June 4, 2012 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:

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Polangin, Councilmembers Brady, Gardner, Marcos, Truth, and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Members of the Staff, the Press and the Public.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson asked City Manager Deutsch to convey to the Community Services Department that Council appreciates the outstanding work they do in putting together all the City events that take place in the City of Bowie.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Deutsch reported on the following items: 1) The City was informed last week that there will be a reduction in funds of about \$5,800 for the Youth Services Bureau from the State budget. 2) Update on Church Road Park Parking lot project; contractor will commence work on Monday of next week. 3) Report on progress of temporary animal shelter or holding center in this building, work is to be complete by the end of this week.

Councilmember Turner had a question on behalf of the South Bowie Boys and Girls Club regarding the use of the concession stand and when it was going to be complete. City Manager Deutsch reported that the City is waiting for a Use and Occupancy permit from the County, and a little more paving work to be completed for ADA compliance. It should be ready by the time their football season starts.

Councilmember Truth asked for an estimated date of completion for the parking lot. City Manager Deutsch said the contract stated that the contractor had forty-five calendar days to complete work; it should be done by mid-July.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Item A: Limited Detailed Site Plan #11034 – Colts Neck, Lots 5-6; B. Approval of Resolution R-47-12 – Creating a Green Team Executive Board for the Bowie Green Team Established under the Sustainable Maryland Certified Program; C. Approval of Resolution R-48-12 – Accepting Bid Proposal for Hot Mix Resurfacing and Coldmilling; D. Introduction of Ordinance O-7-12 – Amending Bowie City Code, Chapter 6, “Elections”, Section 6-2 “Election Districts” to add a Reference to Bowie City Code, Section 6-80 for the Boundaries of Election Districts; and to Repeal and Re-enact with Amendments Section 6-80 “Geographical Boundaries of Districts 1-4” to Change the Boundaries of the Election Districts; E. Introduction of Ordinance O-10-12 – Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011 and Ending June 30, 2012, Embodied in Ordinance O-11-11, as Amended by Ordinance O-14-11 and Ordinance O-5-12, to Authorize the Transfer of Certain Amounts in the 2011-2012 Budget to Pay for Anticipated Expenses. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Formula 2040 Master Plan for Parks & Recreation, M-NCPPC – Ms. Edith Michel, Research and Evaluation Manager for Parks & Recreation-M-NCPPC gave a brief presentation on the County’s Formula 2040 Plan for Parks & Recreation. The plan will help determine the combination of land and facilities needed and also the programs that will provide a good mix of parks and recreation. A copy of the presentation slides are on file at City Hall.

Councilmember Marcos asked if the county is looking to acquire any land in the Bowie area to develop into new recreation space. Ms. Michel mentioned that Mr. Chuck Montry would be able to answer that question and she will have him follow-up with that information.

Councilmember Turner inquired on any results from the assessment that was done in 2010 about the future needs. Ms. Michel stated that parks & recreation built the system neighborhood by neighborhood and 43 community centers have now been placed located in various neighborhoods. People are driving 15 to 20 minutes to the center they want depending on programs provided at centers or if they are closer to their job. He also suggested that Ms. Michel show this presentation at a City Recreation Committee meeting to be able to assist each other.

Councilmember Truth follows on Councilmember Turner’s last comment of having M-NCPPC do these presentations at HOA meetings around the city also.

Councilmember Brady asked what the relationship with schools is. Ms. Michel described the “parks-school” concept, which incorporates a community center into the school campus at several locations in the County.

B. Bowie Business Innovation Center (Bowie BIC) Briefing – Mr. James Harris Chairman of the Board and Ms. Lisa S. Smith, Executive Director for Bowie BIC gave a briefing on how the Business Innovation Center is growing. A copy of presentation slides are on file at City Hall. Their mission is to spur economic development and retain business growth in the Bowie community.

Mayor Robinson commended the Board of Directors, management team, and staff at Bowie State University and the City staff on job well done.

Councilmember Truth said he is very pleased with the involvement of the students in the program and recommends that the program be aired on the Bowie network channel also.

Councilmember Gardner asked if the businesses that are participating in the program already come certified as a minority, women only or veteran business. Ms. Smith replied that there is a mixture of them; if they are close to receiving their certification the program will help them achieve the certification.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move to Executive Session as permitted by the Maryland Public Open Meetings Act, Section 10-508(a)(4)(7)(8)(9) (attached). Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk