



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2011

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, May 2, 2011, in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Brady, Gardner, Marcos, Polangin, Truth, and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Asst. City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Karen Ruff, City Clerk Fleming, Members of the Staff, the Press and the Public.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

The Council led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Proclamation P-5-11 – Congratulating the Bowie High School Lady Bulldogs Basketball Team – Councilmember Brady read and moved approval of Proclamation P-5-11. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mr. Brady presented a proclamation to the varsity squad and congratulated them on behalf of the entire Council.

Councilmember Gardner read and presented a proclamation to the junior varsity squad and congratulated them on behalf of the entire Council.

B. Education and Arts Scholarship Awards – Mr. Steven Theodore, member of the Education Committee, reported that four students were being honored for their outstanding achievement by awarding them scholarships of \$1250 each; students submitted applications to the Education Committee which included their accumulative high school Grade Point Averages, SAT scores, teacher recommendations, resumes and personal essays; the four students being recognized rose to the top following their interviews. The following are the students receiving the scholarships.

Susannah Betts of Bowie High School who will be attending Wesleyan College. Councilmember Turner read and presented a certificate and scholarship to Ms. Betts and congratulated her on behalf of the entire Council.

Kathryn Busch of Elizabeth Seton High School who will be attending St. John's University. Councilmember Truth read and presented a certificate and scholarship to Ms. Busch and congratulated her on behalf of the entire Council.

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Catherine Hamel of Elizabeth Seton High School who will be attending the University of Maryland. Councilmember Polangin read and presented a certificate and scholarship to Ms. Hammel and congratulated her on behalf of the entire Council.

Erin St. Germain of Bowie High School who will be attending the University of Maryland. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos read and presented a certificate and scholarship to Ms. St. Germain and congratulated her on behalf of the entire Council.

Mayor Robinson said Council was very proud to see the outstanding young people develop into such fine scholars and said they were representative of the high end of the students in the community.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson said that everyone has now heard the announcement made by the President of the United States about the successful conclusion for the hunt for Osama Bin Laden. He congratulated, on behalf of the entire Council, the outstanding men and women in the United States Military Forces and intelligence community who have worked incredibly hard under difficult circumstances with incredible challenges. He said the President should be commended for taking the action he took and then commended the men and women in the Armed Forces for a job well done.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Deutsch reported on the following items: 1) Police Dept. - The next 4 recruits into the Police Department will be starting at the Prince George's County Police Academy this Friday; Council will be swearing them into office upon completion of that program. 2) Speed Cameras - The County has signed the agreement with the City to allow speed cameras on County roads; hopefully, the cameras will be implemented later this month; appropriate advertising will occur before the program begins.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved approval of the following items: A. Approval of Minutes of April 4, 2011 Council Meeting; B. Approval of Minutes of April 11, 2011 Special Council Meeting; C. Approval of Resolution R-22-11 – Accepting Stormwater Management Facility #1 Constructed Under Permit SWM 2-0001 at Woodmore Estates and Releasing the Construction Securities Required Therewith; D. Approval of Resolution R-23-11 – Accepting Stormwater Management Facility #2 Constructed Under Permit SWM 3-001 at Woodmore Estates and Releasing the Construction Securities Required Therewith; E. Approval of Resolution R-24-11 – Approving a Variance Application BV-1-11, a Request by Mr. F.X. McCaffrey, on Behalf of Gabriel Project, Inc., for a Variance to Permit a 6-foot High, Wooden Stockade Fence Along MD 450 in the Required Front Yard, Along Trinity Drive in the Required Front Yard and Along the Common Lot Line (Required Side Yard) Between 3052 Traymore Lane and 3050 Traymore Lane When, According to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Such Fencing Shall Not Be More Than Four (4) Feet High at 3052 Traymore Lane; F. Approval of Resolution R-25-11 – Accepting Bid for the Painting of Pump Station #8; G. Approval of Resolution R-27-11 – Accepting Bid for Uniform Rental Services; H. Approval of Letter in Support of Prince George's County Economic Development Fund; I. Approval of Proclamation P-6-11 – Proclaiming May 20, 2011 As Bike to Work Day in the

City of Bowie; J. Approval of Proclamation P-7-11 – Proclaiming the Month of May, 2011 As Bike Month; and K. Approval of Proclamation P-8-11 – Proclaiming the Week of May 1-7, 2011 As Public Service Recognition Week. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance O-11-11 – Approving and Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2011 and Ending June 30, 2012 –

B. Resolution R-20-11 – Adopting a Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2012-2017 -

Public Hearing:

1. Mr. Pete Mellits, Deputy Chief, Bowie Volunteer Fire Department, thanked the Council for their many years of continued support. He said there is a line item in the budget this year that supports the BVFD which includes many things from training to life insurance to injury insurance and expressed the appreciation of the Department. He commended Council for recognizing that the Fire and EMS Department is part of public safety; the Department is maintaining the level of service and a volunteer incentive program was proposed last year to help boost their membership standing; in the last five years, about 62% of the applicants complete the application process. Mr. Mellits said there would be a net cost savings of \$720 per household to help support the incentive program; even though the Department knows nothing will be done in this fiscal year, they are asking for support of the program and discussions during the next year.

Councilmember Turner presented an email dated May 2, 2011 from Geraldine Valentino-Smith, Maryland House of Delegates, which provides comments on several budget items, a copy of which is attached.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution R-26-11 – Adopting a Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan – Fiscal Year 2012 – Mr. Jesse Buggs, Grants Administrator, summarized the staff report dated May 2, 2011, a copy of which is on file at City Hall. He reported that this is the fourth year of the program and it is extremely popular among senior citizens. He reported that the program's success has been cited in a number of ways: Last week the HUD Regional Administrator gave a speech at COG where she not only used photos, but cited from the City's Senior Housing Rehab Program in her presentation before all the directors from the region; the Maryland Housing Department uses the City's Program as a example of leveraging and is the only program in the state that uses funds from two separate agencies, DOE and HUD as well as the State, a private investment firm and the City. He said staff is asking that the program proceed for another year so as to get to as many parties as possible from a huge list of people in serious need of assistance and asked for Council's approval of Resolution R-26-11.


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

Following discussion, Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved approval of R-26-11. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Pamela A. Fleming, MMC
City Clerk

From: Geraldine <geraldinevalentino@verizon.net>

Subject: Budget Testimony

To: "Mayor" <mayor@cityofbowie.org>, "Todd M. Turner" <turner4240@yahoo.com>

Cc: "Diane Polangin" <dpolangin@cityofbowie.org>, "Isaac Trouth" <itrouth@cityofbowie.org>, "James Marcos" <jmarcos@cityofbowie.org>, "Councilman Brady" <councilman.brady@verizon.net>, "Henri Gardner" <hgardner@obverse.net>, "David Deutsch" <ddeutsch@cityofbowie.org>, "John Padgett" <JPadgett@house.state.md.us>

Date: Monday, May 2, 2011, 4:50 PM

I regret that due to another commitment with the Prince George's Commission for Veterans that I am unable to attend the public hearing on the city of Bowie proposed budget. I admire the hard work of the staff in preparing the budget and the diligence with which the full council is evaluating the budget proposal and preparing for a final budget. I respectfully request that you note the following comments for consideration in your continued deliberations:

1. **Bowie Training Facility:** I realize that you recently had a briefing updating you on the most recent legislative activities that ensure that when the Bowie Training Facility is no longer used as a training facility the state will have the right of first refusal and the city will have the right of second refusal for acquisition. I firmly believe that given what I learned during the past legislative session that is just a matter of time before the current owners will seek to cease the training facility operations in Bowie. Whether it is next year or the coming years, it appears inevitable that at some time this very historic land will be sold. In order to ensure that the city can successfully participate in any future options for acquisition, I respectfully request that in addition to the land acquisition fund that the city reserve some additional allocation and then add to it in the future so that if an unpredicted sale arises, the city is fully prepared to participate as a potential buyer. I believe it is essential for the city to diligently prepare for what appears to be a future sale of an important piece of land that should be reserved for recreational purposes and spared future residential development. I remain available at any time to work with the city as it establishes a group of interested parties from the state, county and city to review, assess and plan for the future use of the Bowie Training Facility land.

2. **Designation as an Arts and Entertainment District:** Many communities have successfully availed themselves of an opportunity created in state law to seek designation as an Arts and Entertainment District. The designation is helpful in many ways and can enhance economic development around the designated portions of the community. There are many successful models around the state that can be reviewed, toured and investigated. I request that the city add an objective to the budget that includes direction to staff to begin the process of seeking such a designation and provide updates to council every three months on the status. In addition, if current state law needs to be amended to better accommodate a designation in our area, the staff should provide recommendations no later than September of 2011.

As always, I appreciate your attention and consideration of the comments herein. Geraldine Valentino-Smith

Maryland House of Delegates, District 23A



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XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

This Meeting will be televised live on Verizon Channel 10 and Comcast Channel 71, repeated on 5/4/11 and 5/7/11 at 7:00 p.m., and web-streamed live at www.cityofbowie.org/studio.asp

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOWIE CITY COUNCIL –
MONDAY, MAY 16, 2011 - 8:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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