



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 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, Marcos, Truth and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Clerk Hernandez, City Attorney Levan, Staff, the Press and the Public.

### AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Robinson noted that Items C & D under presentations will be moved to the March 4 Council meeting.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Jnatel Sims, Driftwood Road – Spoke against the amendment of the Prince George's County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
2. Carrie Bridges, Hoven Lane – Spoke against the amendment of the Prince George's County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
3. Daniel Perry, Mt. Oak Road – Spoke against the amendment of the Prince George's County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
4. Taiwo Demurfn, Shortridge Lane – Supports the amendment of the Prince George's County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
5. Femi Oshobukola, Del Rio Ct – Supports the amendment of the Prince George's County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
6. Glory Johnson, Mitchellville Rd – Supports the amendment of the Prince George's County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
7. Pastor Isaac Adeyemo, Dahlia Dr – Supports the amendment of the Prince George's County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.

**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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8. James Kilette, Dhow Ct – Spoke against the amendment of the Prince George’s County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
9. Derrick Plummer, Davit Ct - Spoke against the amendment of the Prince George’s County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
10. Anita Plummer, Davit Ct - Spoke against the amendment of the Prince George’s County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
11. Olayita Ibotoye, Westview Forest Dr – Supports the amendment of the Prince George’s County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
12. Milly Hall, Dunstable Ct - Spoke against the amendment of the Prince George’s County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
13. Michael Brown, Duncannon Ct - Spoke against the amendment of the Prince George’s County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
14. Modupeola Adereti, Castlewall Ct – Supports the amendment of the Prince George’s County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
15. Owen Edoohonba, Norway Ln – Supports the amendment of the Prince George’s County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.
16. Karen Williamson, Dunwood Valley Dr - Spoke against the amendment of the Prince George’s County water and sewer plan #18/W-07.

PRESENTATIONS:

- A. Mayor Robinson swore-in new District 3 Councilmember Darian Senn-Carter who was appointed to replace Councilmember Courtney Glass that resigned in December 2018.
- B. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner presented a proclamation to Dr. Artie L. Travis for his dedication to the students at Bowie State University.
- C. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner presented a proclamation to Mr. Joe Clair, of the Joe Clair Morning Show on the celebration of his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of February 2 Special Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of February 4 Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of February 5 Special Meeting Minutes; D) Approval of February 6 Special Meeting Minutes. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Amendment to Prince George’s County Water and Sewer Plan (#18/W07, The Redeemed Christian Church of God/Victory Temple) - Mr. Frank Stevens, City Planner summarized the report. The applicant, The Redeemed Christian Church of God/Victory Temple is requesting a change to the Prince George’s County Water and Sewer plan to reclassify the property from W-5/S-5 to W-4/S-4 in

order to provide public water and sewer service for a proposed 60,000 square foot church building. The subject property contains 28.73 acres, is zoned R-E (Residential Estate) and is located in the southeast quadrant of Church Road and Mount Oak Road. The site meets the criteria for advancement and staff recommends that a letter containing the recommended change to Category W-4/S-4 be sent to the County Council regarding the December 2018 Water and Sewer Plan amendment cycle. This item is a continuance from the February 4 Council meeting where Mayor Pro Tem Gardner motioned to have this item tabled until this meeting in order for the applicants attorney to hold meetings with the HOA's of the surrounding neighborhoods of the property.

Mr. Jackson from Shipley and Horne representing the applicant stated that they held the meeting and only about a dozen homeowners turned out.

Councilmember Esteve asked staff if the property is zoned for residential. Mr. Stevens responded yes.

Councilmember Truth asked if the church can be built on well and septic. Mr. Jackson responded that the permit would not be approved by the County since the church is so large.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner made a motion to deny the support of the amendment to Prince George's County Water and Sewer Plan for #18/W-07, The Redeemed Christian Church of God/Victory Temple. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Update on Environmental Initiatives – Mr. Gary Allen, Chair of the Environmental Advisory Committee briefed Council on the committee's recommendations toward a Green Bowie in Fiscal Year 2020. They include adopting a complete streets policy, installing EV infrastructure at City Hall and the Kenhill Center, encourage tree planting programs to maintain the Bowie tree canopy, expanding the composting program, strategies to make LED lighting cost-effective, establishing a children's natural exploration area in a local park and assess the benefits and value of a Nature Center in Bowie.

Councilmember Senn-Carter would like more information on the expansion of the composting program.

Councilmember Woolfley stated that it could be a challenge on infrastructure for electric vehicles in multi-family neighborhoods.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Allen and the committee for their presentation.

B. Distinguished Budget Presentation Award Recognition and Mid-Year Budget Report – Mayor Robinson recognized Finance Director Byron Matthews and his staff for the work done in the budget preparation and allowing the City to again be recognized by the Government Finance Officers Association the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2018.

City Manager Lott highlighted some of the objectives completed in this year's budget. Some of them include infrastructure at the Bowie Golf Course, enhancing outreach efforts with increased use of video on the government channel, City website and social media. Renegotiating Comcast and Verizon cable franchise agreements and decrease energy expenses of the City by overseeing installation of Solar Farm on City-owned Entzian property and seek the five-year National Accreditation status for the third time for the Senior Center.

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Councilmember Truth would like to see another tabletop exercise done this year under Emergency Management and suggest staff continue to look at possible sponsorships for the new ice arena.

Councilmember Esteve asked how long the current management lease at the golf course is. Mr. Mears responded that it is about 2 ½ years.

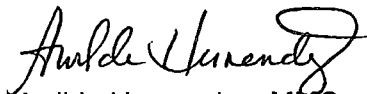
Finance Director Matthews stated that revenues are on track at about \$38.5m and expenses are at \$25.7m which is about 44.5% of adopted budget. Water and Sewer Fund revenues are at \$3.1m and expenses are at \$2.8m.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Matthews and staff for their report and look forward to working on the FY 2020 budget.

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, State Government Article, §3-305(b)(6): To consider the marketing of public securities. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 11:20 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 before closing the meeting.*

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 2/19/19; Time: 11:20; Location: Ch 181;  
Motion to close meeting made by: Gardner Seconded by Truth;  
Members in favor: Robinson, Estae, Gardner, Marcus, Truth Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_;  
Abstaining: \_\_\_\_\_; Absent: Senn-Carter

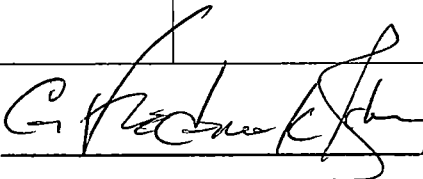
2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**  
**This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:**

(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." (15)  "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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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) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Consider the marketing of the public securities	Marketing of public securities for South Lake TIF
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4. This statement is made by , Presiding Officer.

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**WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)**

> For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:

Time of closed session: 11:26

Place: Bourie City Hall

Purpose(s): Discuss marketing of public securities

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Robinson Esteve Gardner Marcos Sem Carter Truth Wolfley

Persons attending closed session: Levan Lott Mears King Matthews Dierson

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: 6 Consider the marketing of public securities

Topics actually discussed: Marketing of public securities for South Lake TIF

Actions taken: Move to close

Each recorded vote: All Aye

> For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

Persons present: \_\_\_\_\_

Subjects discussed: \_\_\_\_\_