



# City of Bowie

2614 Kenhill Drive  
Bowie, Maryland 20715

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2011

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, February 7, 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, Trough and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Asst. City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Robert H. Levan, 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.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

A. Mr. Richard Elder, 13316 Idlewild Drive, spoke about his concerns with police and property near his house.

### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Polangin announced that the Running Back for the Pittsburgh Steelers, Isaac Redman, was the first player of this caliber to graduate from Bowie State University.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on the following items: 1) Consent Agenda – Item D under New Business, Brady Building signage, is being postponed to February 22; 2) Police Chief Recruitment – 110 applications were received; interviews are expected to occur in the first week in March; the person selected is expected to be on board next month. 3) County Speed Cameras – staff has been in contact with the interim Chief Administrator Officer who indicated he expected to have a final review of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding in his office this week; it will then be distributed to the City; once the document is signed by both parties, the cameras can be installed on Old Chapel Road and Race Track Road within 2 weeks.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved approval of Consent Agenda Items: A. Approval of Minutes of January 18, 2011 Council Meeting; B. Approval of Proclamation P-2-11, Recognizing February as Black History Month in Bowie; C. Approval of Resolution R-7-11, Authorizing the Purchase of an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Mahogany Sideboard for the Belair Mansion; D. Approval of Resolution R-9-11,

**MAYOR** G. Frederick Robinson    **MAYOR PRO TEM** James L. Marcos

**COUNCIL** Dennis Brady ♦ Henri Gardner ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Isaac C. Trough ♦ Todd M. Turner    **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch  
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Resolution R-9-11, Accepting Bid Proposal for Youngwood Turn Storm Drain Installation; and E. Approval of Letter to Prince George's County Schools Superintendent Hite Re: The Prince George's County Public Schools Superintendent's Proposed Annual Operating Budget for FY2012. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2010 and Ending June 30, 2011, As Embodied in Ordinance O-3-10, As Amended by Ordinance O-7-10, As Amended, For the Purpose of Funding Street Paving at Woodmore Estates, to Purchase ICOP Wireless In-Car Camera System Equipment, to Install Energy Conservation Devices at City-Owned Facilities, to Purchase Single Stream Recycling Containers, to Perform Residential Energy Audits, to Renovate Ballfield Lighting at Allen Pond Park, to Expand the Youth Services Bureau Capacity to Provide Prevention, Intervention and Treatment Services, to Develop a Tree Canopy Plan for the City of Bowie, to Purchase and Install an Electrical Panel With Switch Gear at the Water Treatment Plant, to Relocate a 400 Kilowatt Generator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and to Provide Funding for Professional Service Fees Incurred With Respect to the Speed Camera Program - City Manager Deutsch summarized the ordinance and described the items contained therein. He said several of the items in the Supplemental Appropriation recognize grant funded projects where an appropriation was not in the last budget but was approved by separate actions of Council, i.e. Photovoltaic panels, pilot program for single-stream recycling, federal residential energy audits. He added that there is an estimate to increase the budget by \$950,000 regarding speed camera revenue. He concluded by asking for Council's approval of O-2-11.

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

Councilmember Turner said he serves as the City's representative on the Transportation Planning Board for the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments; one of the programs that the Board does annually is the Street Smart Program which is a pedestrian and vehicle safety program done on a regional basis with member jurisdictions of COG. He provided some background to Council, a copy of which is on file at City Hall; the letter suggests a contribution based on \$.5 per capita.

Councilmember Polangin said that since the budget year is already so far along, that this matter be deferred until the budget is completed and then place it on an upcoming budget agenda for discussion.

It was the consensus of Council to defer this matter until this budget year is complete.

Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved the adoption of Ordinance O-2-11. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Prince George's County Fire Chief – Acting Fire Chief Marc Bashoor reported that he started as a volunteer with the Bowie Volunteer Fire Department in 1981 and was glad to be back in the County and Bowie, in particular. He reported that there are currently 94 vacancies and the number of volunteers is declining; they are in the process of hiring to fill the vacancies. Chief Bashoor said that County Executive Baker has taken an aggressive, strong approach towards supporting public safety and providing tools to get the job done; requests for additional staffing has

towards supporting public safety and providing tools to get the job done; requests for additional staffing has been placed in the FY 2012 budget.

B. Animal Welfare Committee Resolution - City Manager Deutsch reported that at Council's last meeting, Councilmember Brady presented a proposed resolution; staff offered a slightly revised version which is closer to current resolutions of a similar nature.

Councilmember Brady asked for support and is open to any suggested language changes.

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

In response to a question posed by Mayor Robinson concerning the reference to domestic vs. wild animals, City Manager Deutsch replied that the new committee would be providing advice to Council and not be recommending a significant or minor change to the scope of actions and responsibilities of the Animal Control Division within the Community Services Department; if Council decided to change that scope, that would be after significant discussion among Council with the assistance of staff; Item a, Section 1 does not signify a change in the level of activity or direction of the City staff in this matter.

Following discussion, Councilmember Brady asked for consensus to place the final version of the draft resolution on the February 22, 2011 consent agenda. Council concurred.

C. Consultant Proposal for Operations Audit - City Manager Deutsch summarized the staff report dated January 31, 2011, a copy of which is on file at City Hall. He said this is following up on an objective which Council placed in the budget last May: "Retain an independent consultant to conduct an operational and performance review of some aspect of City operations to be determined by City Council"; staff is offering a proposal which suggests that the subject be the Parks and Grounds Division; the scope of the project is noted in the staff report on Pages 1 and 2.

Councilmember Turner felt it was appropriate to do the performance audit and asked what kind of work product should be expected by Council. City Manager Deutsch replied that in each of the 3 past performance audits, the report is provided in written form and then a presentation made of the findings is made at a Council meeting; the product will give Council a feeling of whether this unit is performing appropriately compared to others in the region and to make sure that the funds allocated are being spent wisely.

In response to another question posed by Councilmember Turner, Mr. Deutsch said that the Institute for Government Service (IGS) was selected because their price reflects their non-profit status and Council is familiar with their work product; a private consultant could cost at least 50% more for a similar product; staff can look at other consultants, but the project would be delayed by several months; staff will review any proposals received and report back to Council.

Councilmember Brady said he fully supports staff recommendation and the audit will provide information that will help staff as well as the Council to look at potential improvements in the Division.

It was the consensus of Council to move forward in securing the audit and, after receiving other proposals, to make a selection.

D. Mid-Year Budget Review – City Manager Deutsch summarized various pages of the Mid-Year Budget Report and reported that this has been part of the annual process of Council for approximately 10 years; it is an opportunity to check the status of the progress of the organization toward meeting the many objectives that Council has endorsed for inclusion in the current year budget and to provide Council with information regarding the status of the finances of the City as of mid-year. Mr. Deutsch reviewed various items in the report and responded to Council's questions as they arose. He concluded his report by stating that a water and sewer rate increase will be recommended. He thanked Finance Director Patrick and Assistant Finance Director Matthews for assembling all the data, the financials, as well as the objectives report, that produced another fine product.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved to adjourn the meeting and move into an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a personnel matter with counsel. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Pamela A. Fleming, MMC  
City Clerk



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## AGENDA

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- I. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER:**
- II. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**
- III. **QUORUM:**
- IV. **AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:**
- V. **CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:**
- VI. **CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**
  - A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearings-in
- VII. **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- VIII. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**
- IX. **CONSENT AGENDA:**
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XI. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Prince George's County Fire Chief - Introduction
- B. Animal Welfare Committee Resolution - Public Hearing/Eligible for Action
- C. Consultant Proposal for Operations Audit - Public Hearing/Eligible for Action
- D. Building-Mounted Signage Revisions, Brady Building, MD Route 197/MD Route 450 Intersection – Public Hearing/Eligible for Action
- E. Mid Year Budget Review

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

**This Meeting will be televised live on Verizon Channel 10 and Comcast Channel 71, repeated on 2/9/11 and 2/12/11 at 7:00 p.m., and web-streamed live at [www.cityofbowie.org/studio.asp](http://www.cityofbowie.org/studio.asp)**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING REGULAR MEETING**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOWIE CITY COUNCIL –  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011 - 8:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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