



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2011

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 3, 2011 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 Pro Tem Marcos, Councilmembers Brady, Gardner, Polangin, Truth, and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Elissa Levan, City Clerk Fleming, Members of the Staff, the Press and the Public. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos announced that Mayor Robinson would not be present because of a family matter.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

A. Mr. & Mrs. Vernon Lipscomb who reside in the Somerset Section, spoke about flood damage which occurred as a result of water backing up from a storm drain which was blocked with debris arising from the heavy rains.

Councilmember Polangin read a letter into the record from John Leslie Wolfe concerning damage from water from backed up storm drains, a copy of which is on file at City Hall.

B. Ms. Diana Arnold who resides on Heatherstone Drive, also spoke about damage from water as a result of a backed up storm drain.

### CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearings-in – Mayor Pro Tem Marcos moved to appoint Sam Hutchinson as a Regular Member and Vince Canales as an Alternate Member of the Bowie Ethics Commission. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

B. Councilmember Brady moved to appoint Margaret Gregory, Rose Billings, Connie Carter and Sylvia Zborowski as Regular Members of the Animal Welfare Committee. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

**COUNCIL** Dennis Brady ♦ Henri Gardner ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Isaac C. Truth ♦ Todd M. Turner    **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch  
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D. Councilmember Turner moved to appoint Francine Moody as a Regular Member of the Diversity Committee. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

E. Councilmember Truth moved to appoint Diane Haeger as a Regular Member of the Community Outreach Committee. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

F. Mayor Pro Tem Marcos swore Messrs. Hutchinson and Canales, and Ms. Gregory, Ms. Billings, Ms. Carter, Ms. Zborowski, Ms. Moody and Ms. Haeger into office in accordance with Sec. 92A of the City Charter.

#### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Deutsch reported on the following items: 1) Staff is working on the storm drain issue reported by residents and Council will receive a report shortly; 2) The sidewalk project which is being constructed on Rte. 197 from Evergreen Parkway to Mitchellville Road began last Friday and will be completed by the end of the week; 3) The City was unsuccessful in its application for community oriented police grant to fund an additional police officer through the Department of Justice; this is a similar situation to an earlier application, but this time there was only 240 million dollars of funding available and there were 2 billion dollars of requests; the rankings relate to the budget and taxing situation of the community and the ability of community to sustain its own budget and the other issue is crime rate; the City will submit another application during the next cycle of applications.

#### CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Turner moved the approval of Consent Agenda Item A: Approval of Minutes of September 19, 2011 Council Meeting; and B. Approval of Resolution R-69-11 – Authorizing the City Manager to Sign a Temporary Grading and Construction Easement With TD Bank, NA for the Construction of a Hiker-Biker Trail on Parcel BB in the Bowie New Town Center That Will Connect to the Existing Trail on City-Owned Property, Parcel Z in the Bowie Town Center. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by those members of the Council present.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bowie Business Innovation Center – Incubator Update – Mr. John Henry King, Economic Development Director, provided background on the City's efforts to create a Bowie Business Incubator via the Bowie Business Innovation Center (BBIC) to be located at Bowie State University.

Mr. Carroll James Harris, Chairman of the Bowie Business Innovation Center Board of Directors said they were pleased to be before Council and were now at a point where they would like to request the \$50,000 in incubator funding that is authorized in the City's current fiscal year budget.

In response questions posed by Councilmember Turner, Mr. Harris said the occupancy permit has been signed and a lease is in place with Bowie State University; they plan on moving into the space following some remaining outstanding issues in the near future. He added a final determination has not been made with regard to the expectation of start-up of the incubator, but is hopeful it will happen in the next 30-45 days. In response to a question regarding the hiring

of an Executive Director, Mr. Harris said they are in the final stages of completing the hiring selection and there will be an announcement very shortly.

B. Resolution R-68-11 – Adopting the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2011 – Mr. Jesse Buggs, Director of Office of Grants, summarized the staff report dated October 3, 2011, a copy of which is on file at City Hall. He reported that a draft of the document has been provided to the City Council; the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requires that staff bring a report that Council to talks about their performance as it relates to housing, affordable housing, and fair housing implementation within the City; they have to report on economic development activity with the City and discuss how they take care of certain at-risk populations; the populations that are mandated by HUD are the homeless, disabled, youth, children and families, seniors and veterans. Mr. Buggs said the report indicates that staff reported to HUD in the Consolidated Plan for 5 years that they were going to assist seniors in the City in the rehabilitation of their homes; the document indicates that 52 homes for seniors have been completed and approximately \$400,000 from the CDBG program and about \$225,000 from the Open Door Housing Fund was spent. He then explained the work done in the 52 homes. He concluded his report by saying that staff has completed the production of the Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2011 as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and recommends that Council adopt Resolution R-68-11 and authorize the CAPER to be sent to HUD.

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

Following discussion and questions from Council, Councilmember Brady moved approval of Resolution R-68-11. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion and it carried with unanimously by those members of the Council present.

C. Bowie Police Department Update – Chief of Police Nesky, summarized the staff report dated September 28, 2011, a copy of which is on file at City Hall. Chief Nesky provided information on non-priority calls for service, priority (911) calls for service, total calls for service, and crime and citation statistics. He reported on the many activities in which the Department was involved including Polar Bear Plunge for the Special Olympics and the Shop With a Cop program. With respect to staffing, Chief Nesky reported there were 4 candidates ready to graduate from the Police Academy in December and 3 applicants are waiting to be sent to the Academy at the end of October; there is a good partnership with the County and the Academy provides discipline and education and fosters the strength of the Department's commitment to the City and working with the County. He said the speed cameras are working and there are decreased numbers at the locations; a new Student Resource Officer is working at Bowie High School and there are very positive results in building relationships with the faculty and students. He reported on various grants that the Department is working on; in-car cameras have been updated so that information is immediately downloaded when a vehicle pulls into the parking lot; the Department is also working on a records management system.

Following discussion and questions from Council, Mayor Pro Tem Marcos thanked Chief Nesky for his report and noted that the Council is very proud of the work being done by the Police Department and to keep up the good work.

D. Emergency Management – Reports on Recent Earthquake and Hurricane – City Manager Deutsch provided a summary of staff actions during each of the events included in the staff report which was distributed to the City Council.

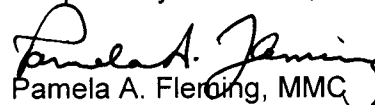
Mr. Alan Creveling, Emergency Management Resource Coordinator, summarized the staff report dated September 28, 2011, a copy of which is on file at City Hall. Mr. Creveling said that the first thing that was done after the earthquake was to make sure all employees and visitors were safe at all city facilities; buildings were evacuated and damaged was assessed. He said the next step is to assess and provide safety of the public and constant contact was kept with the Police Department. He then described the issues presented to staff when responding to the event through the After Action Report (AAR) which was developed by using personal observations, an employee After Action meeting, and follow-up interviews. Mr. Creveling summarized items in the staff report which included Immediate Priorities, Operating Decisions, After Action/Event Meeting and Recommendations.

Ms. Una Cooper, Communications Coordinator, summarized her report dated September 28, 2011, a copy of which is on file at City Hall and displayed some pictures of the damage throughout the City. She reported on Storm Preparations, EOC Activation and Response to Storm, Facility and Telephone Problems, Assessment and Recovery, Communications, and Planning for Future Incidents and also included an evaluation of each. Ms. Cooper concluded her report by saying that in addition to the improvements discussed in the evaluation sections of the staff report, staff plans to train managers and supervisors on the Incident Command System, to develop emergency checklists for all functions, to provide training on damage assessment and to set up an Emergency Operations Center storage area at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Brady moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 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:**
- VII. **COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:**
- VIII. **CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:**
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- X. **OLD BUSINESS:**
- XI. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Bowie Business Innovation Center – Incubator Update
  - B. Resolution R-68-11 – Adopting the Housing and Community Development Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) for Fiscal Year 2011 – Public Hearing Eligible for Action
  - C. Bowie Police Department - Update

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D. Emergency Management – Reports on Recent Earthquake and Hurricane

XII. **ADJOURNMENT**

**This Meeting will be televised live on Verizon Channel 10 and Comcast Channel 71, repeated on 10/5/11 and 10/8/11 at 7:00 p.m., and web-streamed live at [www.cityofbowie.org/studio.asp](http://www.cityofbowie.org/studio.asp)**

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOWIE CITY COUNCIL –  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2011 - 8:00 P.M. – COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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