



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, JUNE 18, 2012

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, June 18, 2012 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:02 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 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. Councilmember Brady arrived at 8:34 p.m.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

Ms. Maria Arnold, Ms. Linda Thompson and Ms. Nikki Huff presented the Council with a Proclamation from Governor O'Malley declaring June 18–24 as Maryland Pollinator Week.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Councilmember Marcos introduced Boy Scout Miles Marcos from Troop #403 who was in the audience.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager David Deutsch announced that the long awaited animal holding room in the lower level of City Hall is complete and ready for operation.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items A: Approval of minutes from May 21 and June 4 meetings; B: Approval of Resolution R-50-12 – Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 of the Charter of the City of Bowie and Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Agreement with Old Dominion Brush Company to Acquire One Leaf Vacuum Machine at a Cost of \$17,141; C: Approval of Resolution R-51-12 – Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 of the City Charter, to Allow the City to Enter Into a Contract with Motorola Solutions for the Purchase of Single Band Radios for Use by the Bowie Police Department; D: Approval of Resolution R-52-12 – Engaging a Certified Public Accountant for the 2011-2012 Annual Audit; E: Approval of Resolution R-53-12 –

MAYOR G. Frederick Robinson **MAYOR PRO TEM** Diane M. Polangin

COUNCIL Dennis Brady ♦ Henri Gardner ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Isaac C. Truth ♦ Todd M. Turner **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch
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Accepting Bid for the Repair and Restoration of Various Storm Drain Systems Damaged by Hurricane Lee; F: Approval of Resolution R-54-12 – Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 of the Charter of the City of Bowie and Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to J & R Sheds and Equipment, Inc. for the Acquisition of a Stormwater Management Mower; G: Approval of letter to the Prince George's County School Board. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 (Brady absent).

OLD BUSINESS:

A. 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 – Attorney Levan briefed the Council on the ordinance which implements the transfer of the Long Ridge community from District 3 to District 2 and technical changes to modify the narrative describing election districts and the list of communities in each election district to reflect newly annexed areas since Section 6-80 was last amended in September 2001. It is recommended that Council repeal Section 6-80 in its entirety and adopt a new Section 6-80 as contained in this ordinance.

Public Hearing:

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

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved the adoption of Ordinance O-7-12. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 (Brady absent).

B. 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 - City Manager explained that this amendment to Ordinance O-11-11 will authorize the transfer of certain amounts into accounts that, at year-end, will have an excess of expenditures over appropriations. The adjustments in total amount to one percent of the FY12 final budget.

Public Hearing:

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Councilmember Marcos moved the adoption of Ordinance O-10-12. Mayor Pro Tem Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 (Brady absent).

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tree Canopy Goal Recommendation from Environmental Advisory Committee – Mr. Gary Allen, Chairman of the Bowie Environmental Advisory Committee gave a brief presentation on the background and justification for the recommended tree canopy goal and to outline some potential future actions for preserving and expanding the City's tree canopy.

Councilmember Turner wanted it noted that the budget included a line item of \$50,000 for tree studies and he also recommends that the EAC look into the City of Edmonston and what they did to receive "Green Streets" award.

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin asked Mr. Allen if there are any trees that won't be affected by insects or disease. Mr. Allen replied that there are no guarantees that a tree would not get a disease.

Councilmember Brady asked if the EAC looked into commercial or industrial areas or HOAs for their participation in the tree canopy goal. At this point they have not included them, and have no objection to include them in the future.

B. Resolution R-49-12 – Adopting the Sustainable Community Action Plan 2012 – Mr. Jesse Buggs presented an overview of the Sustainable Communities Act of 2010 which was passed by the Maryland General Assembly in House Bill 475. The Act requires all municipalities to file a Sustainable Community Application and Action Plan with the MD Department of Housing and Community Development, Neighborhood Revitalization Office. It's a mandatory component in order to receive funding and other resources from State agencies and programs for projects like housing rehabilitation, community services, energy efficiency programs, etc.

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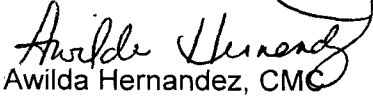
Councilmember Turner asked if by designating those six areas if the City were then restricted from applying for any other possible funds to use in those areas. Mr. Buggs replied that there are certain funds that can still be applied for.

Councilmember Turner moved the adoption of Resolution R-49-12. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Polangin moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


- Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk