



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 2019

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Special Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Wednesday, April 10, 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, Senn-Carter, Trough, and Woolfley; City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Indoor Court Facility Feasibility Discussion – Representatives from the Richard Allen Community Development Corporation and Community Housing Initiative presented to Council proposals for an Indoor Court Facility.

City Manager Lott introduced Mr. Cliff Pullium representing The Richard Allen Community Development Corporation (RACDC) and Mr. Jared Carnes with Sports Facilities Advisory. Mr. Pullium stated that RACDC worked closely with Sports Facilities Advisory on the study for an indoor sports facility. The study showed that there is a need for a high-quality indoor sports facility that is well-managed and is all inclusive to serve all ages and skill levels. The new facility could have the potential of reaching financial sustainability and generating economic impact through local programming and hosting tournaments and events. The proposed site is owned by RACDC located at Central Avenue and US Route 301, just south of the City. The cost of the facility could be in the range of \$30 million.

Councilmember Esteve asked who would pay for what. Mr. Jared Carnes responded that it is still to be determined; it could possibly be a private/public partnership.

Mr. Courtney Booker representing Community Housing Initiative briefed Council on their proposal which will include the development, construction and operation of the facility on behalf of the City; secure financing for the project through their own financial capabilities through a long term lease with the City; and provide share of net income from all facility related activities.

City Project Manager Matt Reno summarized the staff's report to Council. The staff was tasked to conduct a feasibility study with a consultant for the possible construction of an indoor court facility on two possible locations within the City. One site is where the current ice arena is located in Allen Pond Park and a parcel of land, which is part of the existing Bowie golf course adjacent to Rt. 197. The report also provided two design and the costs. Design 1 is a small court layout with a range of cost

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between \$3.4M to \$4.3M. Design 2 is a tournament court layout with a range cost of \$10M to \$15.5M. The ranges of cost stem from facility location (Allen Pond Park vs. Golf Course site) and structure design/material (Pre-engineered metal building vs. tension fabric building). Staff recommends pursuing the small facility design that can be placed in several different locations within the City.

Councilmember Woolfley asked if the numbers presented by RACDC current and accurate. Mr. Carnes responded yes.

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner asked Mr. Booker if the option of smaller facilities throughout the City work for the program from Community Housing Authority. Mr. Booker responded that they would need to look into it, their study focused mainly on a large facility.

After comments from Council and staff members, Mayor Robinson wants to see more final numbers on the share costs versus individual costs on just basketball courts.

Councilmember Esteve made a motion to table this discussion until the June 17 Council meeting in order to allow the presenters to prepare firm numbers on just basketball courts. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Introduction of Ordinance O-1-19 and Resolution R-19-19.

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to Introduce Ordinance O-1-19 Adopting a Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2019 and Ending June 30, 2020. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0 (Gardner and Marcos stepped out of chambers).

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to Introduce Resolution R-19-19 Adopting a Capital Improvement Program for Fiscal Years 2020 - 2025. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried 5-0 (Gardner and Marcos stepped out of chambers).

Public Hearing:

1. Mr. Gary Allen, Chair of the City's Environmental Advisory Committee – Copy of comments attached.
2. Ken McCaughey, Chalford Ln – Spoke in support of the Heritage Trail in Old Bowie and the upgrades at the Railroad Museum as well as support of the multi-modal specialist.
3. Patty McCaughey, Chalford Ln – Spoke in support of funding of the trails.

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

ADJOURNMENT:

Councilmember Woolfley moved to adjourn the Special City Council meeting and move into Budget Worksession #1. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried 6-0 (Gardner not present). The meeting adjourned at 10:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Testimony Bowie city FY 2020 budget

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Gary G Allen

Good evening Mr. Mayor and Council.

I would like to briefly highlight the Environmental Advisory Committee support for several items in the Budget presented to you this evening

(Number 1) WE strongly support for construction of The Bowie Heritage Trail CIP Project in Old Town Bowie, including the new 10th Street Heritage Park (placemaking) and storm water management mitigation at Huntington South Park, see Page 261 of your budget . WE Note, however, that the listed project includes full funding for only half of the overall project, which is located on both sides of the MD 564 bridge in Old Town Bowie. Design plans have been approved and permits issued for the both the 10th Street Heritage Park and the Railroad Museum improvements. The Railroad Museum CIP page, page 263, specifically states under Project Description that construction of the Railroad Museum improvements “are shown on The Bowie Heritage Trail page since the project will be jointly bid with the construction of the 10th Street Park, also shown on The Bowie Heritage Trail page.” We think this statement is not correct. Funding for the Railroad Museum portion of The Bowie Heritage Trail is NOT shown on the Heritage Trail page. Rather, the project cost of \$525,700 is identified on the Railroad Museum CIP page *in the “Beyond Six Years” category,* meaning that there is no funding for it in the immediate future. We think This project cost should be allocated in Year 1 (or no later than next FY) of the Railroad Avenue CIP project page so that the new educational plaza and amenities can be constructed in FY 2020 along with the 10th Street Heritage Park.

The Railroad Museum improvements will activate an underutilized piece of the Railroad Museum property and greatly enhance the site’s attractiveness and community engagement space, complemented with a high quality of design and building materials. It is an excellent investment in the heart of Old Town Bowie.

(2) SECOND __ Support funding, as proposed, for Hiker-Biker Trails (Budget page 245) and encourage a sustained, annual financial commitment of at least \$50,000 per year.

(3) Third--We strongly support a new Multi-Modal Transportation Specialist (Full-time Position), in the Department of Planning and Community Development (beginning on page 129 – *our POINTS- Given the growing community emphasis on non-vehicular mobility, as well as health and wellness, it is prudent for the City to invest in a professional staff position to assist with coordinating bicycle and pedestrian improvement projects, promoting walkable communities and the resources of the public trail system and helping to resolve pedestrian safety conflicts with State and County transportation agencies. A Multi-Modal Transportation Specialist works with advocates, state and local elected officials, business leaders, media, law enforcement, public health officials, transit providers and the general public to build partnerships, providing leadership and vision so these groups may embrace and implement facilities and programs that increase the number of residents safely bicycling and walking. The addition of a Multi-Modal Transportation Specialist will complement the work done by the Planning Department and will make the City even more effective in managing its sustainability actions into the future. With*

the completion of the Trails Master Plan this year, the new position will greatly assist in implementing the new plan.

(4) Fourth make a priority of sighting, designing and building a natural exploration area in a local park -it cheap needed and would we think be widely used

And (Fifth and finally -)—install EV charging stations at City Hall and Kenhill Center- accessible for payment by the public and make an COUNCIL priority the acceleration.the purchase of electric and Hybrid vehicles as part of the city's vehicle replacement program in the coming year.

Thanks for your attention to these issues.