



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 8, 2019

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, July 8, 2019 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Boy Scout Troop #29 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Councilmembers Esteve, Gardner, Marcos, Senn-Carter, Truth, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press and the Public.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Abigail Snyder, York Ln. – Thanked Council for the vote to move forward with the ice arena project and she will continue to attend meetings in support of courts.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott stated that City employees will be completing in the next 30 days goal objectives for the coming fiscal year.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Marcos moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of April 15 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Resolution R-44-19 Approving Variance Application BV-5-19, a Request by Tyler Setera and Kali Hardman to Allow the Construction of Approximately 109 Linear Feet of Six Foot High Wooden Fencing Along Belair Drive When, According to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Such Fencing Shall Not be More Than Four Feet High, at 12730 Kembridge Drive; C) Approval of Resolution R-51-19 Authorizing the City Manager to Enter Into an Amendment to a Lease Agreement With North Merust Limited Partnership for the Property Known as "Bowie Commons" and to Enter Into an Agreement Relating to the Payment by the Tenant of Overdue Back Rent for Said Property; D) Approval of Resolution R-53-19 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Rummel, Klepper & Kahl, LLP for Task Order/RFP #1-02 in Accordance With the Master Contract Approved on October 31, 2018; E) Approval of Resolution R-54-19 Awarding a Contract to NFP Corporation for the Amount of \$88,850 to Serve as the City of Bowie's Healthcare Benefits Broker. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice – Resolution R-47-19 – Mr. Jesse Buggs City Grants Director summarized the staff report. As an Entitlement Community, the City receives Community Block Grant Funds directly from the US Department of Housing and Community Development, and the City is responsible for conducting and Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to cover a five year period. Staff has completed the update to the 2010 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice and recommends approval of Resolution R-47-19 authorizing the update and sending it to HUD.

**Public Hearing:**

Since there were no speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the Public Hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Senn-Carter made a motion to approve Resolution R-47-19 and authorize the update to the 2010 Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice to be sent to HUD. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Art in Public Spaces – Ms. Rhonda Dallas, Executive Director of the Prince George's Arts and Humanities Council briefed Council on the programs managed by the organization. The PGAHC promotes arts initiatives and support the arts in the County by facilitating various grant programs as well as advocating for legislative support of the arts on the County and State levels. Access has been opened to local artists within the county's major commercial and private partnership projects including MGM National Harbor, the Purple Line, and the Hotel UMC Campus resulting in large-scale art commissions and procurements. Currently Ms. Dallas is working with Delegate Barron to add artistic bus shelters in Bowie as well as several other cities in Prince George's County. She also spoke on working closely with the City to designate and Arts and Entertainment District in the City.

Mayor Robinson thanked Ms. Dallas for her presentation.

C. Indoor Court Facility Discussion - Mr. Courtney Washington, from the firm Community Housing Initiative presented the proposed plans for a future indoor court facility. They propose to develop a public/private partnership for a multi-sports facility. The City would enter into a long-term master lease at a cost of \$1.50 per month per Bowie resident. Community Housing Initiative will secure financing, develop, construct and operate the facility in partnership with the City. The building would appear as a City of Bowie facility. Any naming rights would get approval from Council first. At a negotiated rate, they would provide a rebate back to the City.

Councilmember Truth asked who and how will cost of naming rights be distributed. Mr. Washington responded it would be negotiated based on percentage of cost sharing.

Councilmember Senn-Carter asked what the length of the lease would be. Mr. Washington responded as long as mortgage is due.

Councilmember Gardner asked how big of an area would be needed for the site. Mr. Washington responded a minimum of five acres.


Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Washington for his presentation.

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ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Trough seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk