



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2019

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 7, 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, Truth, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, and the Public.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Abby Snyder, York Ln – Implore Council to work together to find solutions to move the requests of the residents and the City forward.
2. Dennis Brady, Paisley Ln – The discussion on the courts be deferred to the next Council and on the Task Force Resolution be amended to specify exact number of members.

### CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

#### A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-in

1. Councilmember Marcos moved to appoint Kevin Kennedy, Jr. to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term. Councilmember Woolfley seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
2. Councilmember Marcos moved to appoint Alicia Stukes to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
3. Councilmember Marcos moved to appoint Candi Dailey to the Economic Development Committee for a two-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Gardner seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.
4. Mayor Robinson swore-in the members to the committee.

### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson commented that as of Friday, the City of Baltimore will retain the Preakness and the State will upgrade Pimlico to operating condition. Laurel race track will become a year round racing site and training facility. Bowie race track is open to the possibility of transferring

property to the City, Bowie State University is interested in the property as well as M-NCPPC. Mayor Robinson thanked Senator Peters and Delegate Geraldine Valentino-Smith in working side by side to see this through. Mayor Craig Moe from the City of Laurel, Mr. Len Lucchi, City Lobbyist and City Manager Al Lott.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Lott is performing audits on employee performance evaluations.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Woolfley requested to move Item E to New Business for amendments discussion. Councilmember Woolfley moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of June 17 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Proclamation P-11-19 Proclaiming October 2019, as Energy Efficiency Month in the City of Bowie; C) Approval of Resolution R-63-19 Awarding a Contract for Replacement of the Court Divider Curtains at the Bowie Gymnasium; D) Approval of Resolution R-71-19 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Bay Land Consultants & Designs, Inc. for Task Order/RFP #3-04 in Accordance With the Master Contract Approved on October 31, 2018; F) Approval of Resolution R-73-19 To Approve an Increase in the Contract Amount to Replace Traffic Signal Battery Back-ups at Three Intersections; G) Approval of Resolution R-74-19 By Two-Thirds Vote Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of the City Charter to Allow the City to Enter Into Contracts With Various Snow Plow Contractors That May Exceed \$25,000 in Aggregate Value; H) Approval of Resolution R-75-19 Accepting the Right of Way Improvements Constructed Under the Permit ROW29-18 at 13113A 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Releasing the Construction Securities; I) Approval of Resolution R-76-19 Accepting the Right of Way Improvements Constructed Under the Permit ROW132-19 at 13113B 4<sup>th</sup> Street and Releasing the Construction Securities; J) Approval of Letter to Prince George's County Public Works & Transportation re: Rehabilitation of Governors Bridge Road Bridge. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Indoor Court Facility Report – Ms. Sally Hein, City Community Services Director summarized the staff report. On July 1, 2019, Council directed staff to make a recommendation regarding the future construction of a new indoor court facility in the City. Specifically the size of the facility and the best location for its construction. Staff recommends constructing an indoor court facility of approximately 12,000 square feet on Rt. 197, adjacent to the Bowie Golf Course with an estimated cost of \$5 - \$5.5 mil. The facility is about half the size of the City's current gymnasium and could be configured to one high school basketball court, two middle school basketball courts, 2 volleyball courts, 8 pickleball courts and multi-use space. Estimated construction timeline would be Facility Design to begin in October 2020, Bidding and Contracting March 2022 thru June 2022, Construction July 2022 thru June 2023. The funding timeline would be FY21 - \$275,000 - \$300,000 and in FY22 \$4,725,000 0 \$5,200,000.

Councilmember Esteve asked if there is anticipated operating costs. City Manager Lott responded about 50%.

Councilmember Woolfley commented that in the proposed location the largest user base is not in the general area, recommend staff collect data on this. City Manager Lott will poll current users for information,

Councilmember Truth would like staff to present Council with projections for budgets in FY 22 and FY 23 and what will the percentage of increase be in property tax. City Maanger Lott responded it would be about a penny per property.

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City Manager will provide more information during the upcoming FY 21 budget cycle.

B. Approval of Resolution R-72-19 Creating an Elections Task Force - Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve Resolution R-72-19 with the following amendment under Section 2: Membership it should state that the Elections Task Force will consist of seven members selected by each member of the City Council. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Gardner moved to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting. Councilmember Truth seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC  
City Clerk