MEMORANDUM

TO:        City Council

FROM:    David J. Deutsch
                City Manager

SUBJECT: **Status Report**                          DATE:  August 23, 2012

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1. Bowie Companies on Inc. 5000 List
   Two Bowie companies are listed on the latest Inc. Magazine list of the 5000 fastest
   -growing companies:

   *Advanced Government Solutions* has annual revenue of $6.8 million and 65
   employees; *Plan B Technologies* has annual revenue of $28.2 million and 47
   employees.

   Both companies are located at Melford.

2. Bowie Dog Park
   The Dog Park was recently closed for renovations. Those repairs and
   improvements will be completed this week. This week, new bumper blocks were
   installed, the gates repaired, parking lot striping completed and some minor
   painting and landscape work accomplished. The facility will reopen to the public
   this Saturday morning.

3. Superintendent Search Community Forum
   The Prince George's School System held a Community Forum at Bowie High
   School on Tuesday, August 21. With the exception of one member, the entire
   School Board was present as well as Dr. Alvin Crawley, who was just named
   Interim Superintendent for the PGCPS system. Tuesday's forum was Dr. Crawley's
   first formal meeting with the community. His official start date is September 4.

   Dr. Crawley spoke briefly outlining his top three priorities for the year. The three
   include, (1) continued progress for student achievement; (2) efficiently utilizing
   resources while recognizing funding restraints; (3) engaging the community with
   the schools, not just families of students, but the entire community.

   Approximately 80 people were in attendance. After a brief overview from Ms.
   Jacobs, community members asked questions ranging from issues with bus
   routes, how Dr. Crawley was chosen as Interim Superintendent, resources at the
   secondary school level for young people with disabilities, teacher salaries, and
   questions on how the School Board represents various districts in the county.
   The School Board plans to hold more community forums such as this through
   September and October of this school year.

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