



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, virtually. Mayor Adams called the meeting to order at 8:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Adams led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Adams, Councilmembers Boafu, Esteve, Gardner, Harrison, Ndebumadu, and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan (joined at 8:24 p.m.), City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu made a motion to move Old Business Item A – City Development Review Policies to the February 1 Council meeting. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Brenda James, Bowie Resident – Comment attached.
2. Carrie Weaver-Bridges, Bowie Resident – Comment attached.
3. Milly Hall, Bowie Resident – Comment attached.
4. Concerned Citizens of Prince George's County District 4 and the Surrounding Areas – Comment attached.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to appoint the following appointees to their respective committees for a 2-year term:

- Environmental Advisory Committee: Andrew Pierce
- Economic Development Committee: Sharon Barry
- Board of Elections: Sonia Huntley

Mayor Pro Tem Boafu seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously and Mayor Adams swore-in the appointees to their respective committees.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Adams thanked County Council Members Derek Davis, Todd Turner and Calvin Hawkins for their services.

CITY MANAGERS REPORT:

City Manager Lott reported that staff is in preparation of the FY 2022 budget report to have presented to Council in April.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Ndebumadu made a motion to approve items A) Approval of October 5 Regular Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of October 19 Regular Meeting Minutes; C) Adoption of Resolution R-3-21 Adopting the Housing and Community Development "Revised" Annual Action Plan Fiscal Year 2021 (HUD FY20); D) Adoption of Resolution R-4-21 Awarding a Contract to Management Advisory Group International, Inc. in the Amount of \$45,000 for the Completion of a Classification and Compensation Study. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ice Arena Task Force Report – Mr. Bill Schmidt, Chair of the Ice Arena Task Force, summarized the report for Council. Most pressing issues for continued viability and use of the existing ice rink: replacement of heaving concrete slab, HVAC and dehumidification system, compressor system, structural analysis of roof and support poles by engineering firm, replacement of roof. In order to reach "ideal programming" at the ice rink a second sheet of ice is needed. A copy of the report is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo thanked the members of the task force for their work.

Councilmember Harrison thanked the task force members and asked City Manager Lott if he can provide the cost for the priorities, outside of the second sheet. City Manager Lott responded that staff will gather those numbers and assessments and include them in the budget worksessions.

Councilmember Woolfley agrees with Councilmember Harrison's request and would like to see those numbers before Council can make any decisions.

Mayor Adams thanked the task force for their report and Council will take their recommendation into consideration during the budget worksessions.

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSE SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting and move to closed session under the Statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, State Government Article, §3-305(b)(14): "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

January 19, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, decorative flourish at the end.

Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

Awilda Hernandez

From: Brenda James <barbarol@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 5:17 PM
To: cityclerk
Cc: Barbarol@aol.com
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Citizens Participation - New Business Ice Arena Task Force Report - January 19 Council Meeting (Resent)

Mayor and City Council,

My understanding was that the City had put its plans on hold regarding making any final decisions on the sports facilities for the City of Bowie. The citizens of Bowie want a comprehensive sport program that addresses all ages, special interest sport groups, as well as the various sports suitable for our community. The Task Force has laid out its requirements for an Ice Arena that includes a second sheet of ice. I believed that the City was committed to keeping the Ice Arena operational at its current operational level, to the extent possible. No major renovations should move forward at this time. I also noted that the Task Force has not included any costs with its analysis. Because there are so many uncertainties associated with the pandemic, it would be prudent to make sure we have a thorough understanding of our resources before making any additional commitments.

Thank you
Brenda James
Bowie homeowner for 23 years

Awilda Hernandez

From: My Name <carrieswb@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 5:30 PM
To: Awilda Hernandez
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Citizen's Participation/New Business Ice Rink

Good evening, Mayor Adams, City Council members, city staff and constituents of the City of Bowie. I hope we are all doing our part to fight COVID 19 by wearing masks and practicing social distancing. These are uncertain times and this pandemic has lasted longer than anyone expected. I would once again like to praise Mayor Adams for being extremely fiscally responsible with our tax dollars by stopping the construction of a 24 million dollar project that yields minimum usage from the people who pay taxes in this city. I was happy to see that someone took stock in what the tax payers need and want and not allow people who do not live in this city to decide how we spend our tax dollars. I would also like to state that once upon a time, ice sports were extremely popular in the city of Bowie. However, as with every progressive city, things change and that change starts when people move away once they start their own families. Even though your childhood home is still being occupied by your parents, you live somewhere else. I think the one sheet of ice is sufficient for anyone that does not pay taxes in this city. To request more is disrespectful to the people who pay taxes here because we live here. We appreciate the recommendations you made, but lets be clear...these are recommendations. Our focus should be on how to supports our schools, elderly and people who are suffering emotionally and economically during this pandemic. Asking for another sheet of ice just does not seem befitting right now, or ever if you are using my tax dollars.

Carrie
301-332-6028
"Love one another...always"

Awilda Hernandez

From: Milly Hall <hallmilly@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 5:42 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Citizen participation-New Business Ice Arena Task Force report
Attachments: Citizen participation .pdf

January 19, 2021 Bowie City Council meeting.

Good evening Mayor Adams, Council members and staff,

I hope everyone is keeping safe during these uncertain times. I would like to thank the Ice Arena Task Force team for their summary/report on the Ice Rink.

As I read the report it stated that Mayor Adams promised the Ice Rink community a state - of - the art facility. I do not recall this statement and went back and reviewed previous meetings and I could not find that statement. I recall the Mayor and Council members stating that the group should search for companies to get estimates to repair the current facility. I also recall the Mayor stating that the Council would remain fiscally responsible and adding another sheet of ice by spending tax payers dollars for a state - of - the art facility is not being fiscally responsible. I may speak for many, when I say we would appreciate if everyone the Mayor, Council members, staff, Ice task force and citizens please let's respect all of those residents who have lost so much during COVID-19 and are still losing.

Thank you,

Milly Hall
Bowie resident for 22 years

Awilda Hernandez

From: Milly Hall <hallmilly@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2021 6:46 PM
To: cityclerk
Subject: {EXTERNAL}: Citizens Participation

Good evening Mayor Adams, Council members and Staff,

We, the Concerned Citizens would like an update on the status of the Multi-Generational Sports Complex on Church Road?

Thank you,

"Concerned Citizens of Prince George's County District 4 and the Surrounding Areas".

**PRESIDING OFFICER'S WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING ("CLOSING STATEMENT")
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT (General Provisions Article § 3-305)**

This form has two sides. *Complete items 1 – 4 before closing the meeting.*

1. **Recorded vote to close the meeting:** Date: 1-19-21; Time: 8:47; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Boafo Seconded by Harrison;
Members in favor: All Aye; Opposed: None;
Abstaining: _____; Absent: _____.

2. **Statutory authority to close session (check all provisions that apply).**
This meeting will be closed under General Provisions Art. § 3-305(b) only:

(1) "To discuss the appointment, employment, assignment, promotion, discipline, demotion, compensation, removal, resignation, or performance evaluation of appointees, employees, or officials over whom this public body has jurisdiction; any other personnel matter that affects one or more specific individuals"; (2) "To protect the privacy or reputation of individuals concerning a matter not related to public business"; (3) "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto"; (4) "To consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State"; (5) "To consider the investment of public funds"; (6) "To consider the marketing of public securities"; (7) "To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice"; (8) "To consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation"; (9) "To conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters that relate to the negotiations"; (10) "To discuss public security, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to the public or to public security, including: (i) the deployment of fire and police services and staff; and (ii) the development and implementation of emergency plans"; (11) "To prepare, administer, or grade a scholastic, licensing, or qualifying examination"; (12) "To conduct or discuss an investigative proceeding on actual or possible criminal conduct"; (13) "To comply with a specific constitutional, statutory, or judicially imposed requirement that prevents public disclosures about a particular proceeding or matter"; (14) "Before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, to discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process." (15) "To discuss cybersecurity, if the public body determines that public discussion would constitute a risk to: (i) security assessments or deployments relating to information resources technology; (ii) network security information . . . or (iii) deployments or implementation of security personnel, critical infrastructure, or security devices."

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3. For each provision checked above, disclosure of the topic to be discussed and the public body's reason for discussing that topic in closed session.

Citation (insert # from above)	Topic	Reason for closed-session discussion of topic
§3-305(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 14	Negotiation of a contract	Discuss Brokerage Contract with City Council
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4. This statement is made by Jonathan J. Adams, Presiding Officer.

WORKSHEET FOR OPTIONAL USE IN CLOSED SESSION: INFORMATION FOR SUMMARY TO BE DISCLOSED IN THE MINUTES OF THE NEXT OPEN MEETING. (See also template for summary.)

➤ For a meeting closed under the statutory authority cited above:

Time of closed session: 8:51

Place: City Hall

Purpose(s): Negotiation of a contract

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Adams Harrison Gardner Estere Woolfley Doofo Ndeburadu

Persons attending closed session: Adams Harrison Estere Woolfley Doofo Ndeburadu King Levan Lott Mears

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: 14

Topics actually discussed: RFP for brokerage services. Offer for City to buy property

Actions taken: Motion for staff to proceed with a contract with brokerage firm

Each recorded vote: All Aye

➤ For a meeting recessed to perform an administrative function (§ 3-104): Time: _____

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____