



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JUNE 7, 2021

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, June 7, 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 Bofo, Esteve, Gardner, Harrison, Ndebumadu (logged on 8:08 p.m.), and Woolfley, City Manager Lott, Assistant City Manager Mears, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, and Staff.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to move Consent Agenda Items G) Adoption of Resolution R-32-21 and H) Adoption of Resolution R-33-21 under New Business for further discussion. Councilmember Esteve seconded motion. Motion passed 6-0.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Matthew Gallagher, Marne Lane – Comment attached.

PRESENTATIONS:

A. Arts and Education Scholarship Recipients – Mayor Adams read the names of this year's scholarship winners. List attached.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Woolfley made a motion to approve items: A) Adoption of Proclamation P-12-21 Proclaiming June 5-13, 2021 as Chesapeake Bay Awareness Week in the City of Bowie; B) Adoption of Proclamation P-13-21 Proclaiming June 2021 as LGBTQ Pride Month in the City of Bowie; C) Adoption of Proclamation P-14-21 Proclaiming June 19, 2021 as Juneteenth in the City of Bowie; D) Adoption of Proclamation P-15-21 Proclaiming June 2021 as Men's Health Month in the City of Bowie; E) Adoption of Proclamation P-16-21 Proclaiming June 2021 as Pollinator Month in the City of Bowie; F) Adoption of Resolution R-31-21 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow for the Purchase of One Dump Truck, by Piggybacking a Montgomery County Bid; I) Adoption of Resolution R-34-21 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to

Allow the City Manager to Issue a Purchase Order to Metro Bobcat, Inc. and Authorizing the Purchase of One (1) Toolcat; J) Adoption of Resolution R-35-21 Authorizing the Issuance of a Purchase Order to Frederick Ward Associates for Task Order #1 Professional Services-Development Plan Review, Engineering & Design Services in Accordance with the Master Contract Approved on June 19, 2019; K) Adoption of Resolution R-36-21 Accepting Bid for the Purchase of New Studio Editing Network Storage; L) Adoption of Resolution R-37-21 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow the City Manager to Enter into an Agreement with ConvergeOne; M) Adoption of Resolution R-38-21 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow for the Purchase of One Sling Truck, by Piggybacking a Virginia Sheriffs' Association Bid; N) Adoption of Resolution R-39-21 Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of Section 61 "Purchasing and Contracting" of the Charter of the City of Bowie to Allow for the Purchase of One Refuse Truck, by Piggybacking a COSTARS Pennsylvania Department of General Services Bid; O) Adoption of Resolution R-40-21 Awarding a Contract for HVAC Replacement for Bowie Gymnasium; P) Introduction of Ordinance O-2-21 Amending the Adopted Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 2020 and Ending June 30, 2021 to Authorize the Transfer of Certain Amounts in the FY 2021 Budget to Pay for Anticipated Expenses; Q) Introduction of Ordinance O-3-21 Amending City Code Chapter 10 "Garbage, Trash And Refuse", Section 10-2, "Littering Prohibited; Refuse from Excavations and Construction Work," to Add Landscaping as a Source of Impermissible Debris; Section 10-3, "Collection and Disposal of Refuse", to Alter the Acceptable Size of Refuse Collection Bins, to Clarify the Manner in Which Receptacles Must be Placed for Collection, and to Define Refuse for Purposes of that Section; Amending Section 10-4, "Requirements Relating to Refuse Collection Receptacles for Standard City Service", to Alter The Locations in Which Refuse Collection Bins May be Stored; Section 10-6, "Supplemental Collections and Limitations Thereon", to Amend the Description of Acceptable Recyclable Materials, to Require the Use of City-Provided Recycling Containers, and to Incorporate Requirements Relating to Bulk Trash Collection; and Section 10-11, "Notice to Remove Accumulation of Litter", to Clarify the Meaning of the Term "Litter"; and to Make Certain Additional Amendments to the Foregoing Sections for Clarity. Mayor Pro Tem Boaf0 seconded the motion. Motion passed 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bowie BIC Update – Chair, Sherman Ragland and Executive Director, Lisa Smith briefed Council on the progress of Bowie BIC in FY 2021. They currently have 18 BIC Accelerator & Graduate companies generating over 522 jobs and \$41.4M in revenues. The Bowie BIC was voted in 2020 the 6th Largest Maryland Business Accelerator and Prince George's County's largest Business Accelerator program in terms of clients and business scales-up resources.

B. Water Filter Rebates – Public Works Director, George Stephanos summarized the staff report. Due to the condition of water mains in the City's water utility, some water customers experience periodic incidents of discolored water in their homes. In response to information requests from City Council, staff examined filters that may be used in homes to address the discoloration problem and recommends a rebate program as an option to City residents that present evidence of paid invoices for water filter installations in their homes. A one-time \$50.00 maximum rebate is recommended. The rebate program, if adopted by Council, would be funded from the water/sewer reserve for contingencies funds.

Councilmember Harrison motioned to support a \$50 rebate to City residents for the installation of water filters in their homes. Mayor Pro Tem Boaf0 seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. COVID Vaccination Incentive – Assistant City Manager Mears, summarized the staff memorandum. Bowie employees have been asked to get vaccinated and provide a copy of their vaccine verification card to the Human Resources Office. At this time, just over 60% of our employees have done so. In an effort to reinvigorate employee interest in receiving their COVID-19 vaccinations, I propose offering a financial incentive of \$100 to each vaccinated employee. Employees will be eligible for the incentive upon receipt of a copy of their vaccination verification card to Human Resources Office by August 9, 2021.

Mayor Adams asked if funding was available. Mr. Mears responded yes, out of the contingency fund and looking into being able to use ARPA funds for reimbursement of it.

Councilmember Woolfley asked if there was a specific timeframe for employees to have gotten their vaccines. City Manager Lott responded that they are working to have August 9th as the deadline.

Councilmember Harrison motioned to approve the \$100 incentive to City employees who receive their COVID vaccinations. Councilmember Gardner second the motion. Motion passed 6-1 (Ndebumadu).

D. Adoption of Resolution R-32-21 Approving Departure BD-1-21, a Request by South Lake, LLC for a Departure from Section 27-568(A)(1) of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance to Allow a Reduction in the Number of On-Site Parking Spaces from 738 To 587, Resulting in an On-Site Parking Ratio of 1.80 Spaces Per Dwelling Unit on Parcel 1, a Remainder of Outparcel 'C' in the South Lake Mixed-Use Community, Bowie, Maryland.

Mr. Joe Meinert, Planning Director stated that Council is authorized to adopt these Resolutions via the adopted variance and departure procedures granted to the City. The Bowie Advisory Planning Board (BAPB) approved the above cases on April 27, 2021, in accordance with the staff recommendation, and adopted their findings in Resolutions BD-1-21 and BD-2-21. These types of departures have been granted before to other developments in the City.

Councilmember Woolfley stated his opposition of the South Lake development and is not in agreement with the narrower spaces just because it has been granted before to other developments.

Mayor Adams asked if reducing the number of parking spaces will that reduce the ratio of accessible spaces. Mr. Meinert responded that the spaces are in ratio with however many regular spaces there are so it could lower them.

Councilmember Woolfley motioned to reject the adoption of Resolution R-32-21. There was no second to the motion. Motion died.

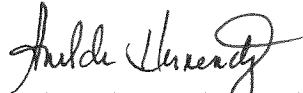
E. Adoption of Resolution R-33-21 Approving Departure BD-2-21, a Request by South Lake, LLC for a Departure from Section 27-558(A) of the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance to Allow a Reduction in the Width of Non-Handicap/Non-Parallel Standard-Sized Parking Spaces from 9.5 Feet to 9.0 Feet on Parcel 1, a Remainder of Outparcel 'C' in the South Lake Mixed-Use Community, Bowie, Maryland.

Councilmember Esteve motioned to adopt Resolution R-33-21. Mayor Adams second the motion. Motion passed 5-2 (Gardner, Woolfley).

ADJOURNMENT AND MOVE TO CLOSED SESSION:

Mayor Pro Tem Boafo motioned to adjourn the Regular City Council meeting and move to Close Session under the statutory authority of the Md. Annotated Code, State Government Article §3-305(b)(3): "To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto," and §3-305(b)(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." Councilmember Harrison second the motion. Motion passed 7-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, MMC
City Clerk

To Bowie City Council members

From Matthew Gallagher
12233 Marne Lane, Bowie

Date June 7, 2021

Subject Citizen Participation

I ask why the council has little to no concern for the citizens of Bowie who must pay for and use the dirty water provided by the city. The long-term project to replace pipes has a cost of over \$150m yet the council has allocated a tiny amount of money. Why do council members not make a real effort to fix this problem? The city council and staff have been aware of this issue for many years yet only now, a tiny portion of funding has been allocated to fix this. Since council members don't have this filthy water in their homes to drink, cook with, bathe with, and clean laundry, it is evident council members don't care about this issue. The council refuses to act in a timely manner for the health of city residents. Why? Why are Bowie citizens who must pay for dirty water and then be taxed even further, not worthy of the consideration of the city council members?

Your agenda asks for your approval to provide a \$50 rebate for the installation of a water filter when the cost for a whole-house filter could be \$1,000. How insulting that you would put the value of the health of Bowie citizens at such a low cost. You currently charge Bowie citizens for dirty water, tax citizens to replace pipes for a ten year project and you think giving citizens \$50 will be enough to clear your conscience? That is shameful.

You must stop selling us dirty water and replace all water pipes now. The only other option is to provide citizens with 100% of the cost of the purchase and installation of water filters. Anything short of that is a failure on your part. Anything short of that is another example of how unconcerned you are with the health of Bowie citizens.



2021 ARTS & EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

ARTS

The **Arts Committee** selected Jasmyn Marsh to receive the 2021 Arts Scholarship.

Jasmyn Marsh is the daughter of Karen Foskey and Frederick Marsh and is a senior at Riverdale Baptist School. Jasmyn has a 4.44 GPA and plans on majoring in animation/electronic studio at Howard University this fall.

The student will receive a scholarship award in the amount of \$1,000.

EDUCATION

The **Education Committee** met and selected Jodi Evans, Kyndall Jackson, Ethan Kelly, Amira O'Neal and Arianna Pankey to receive the 2021 Excellence in Education Scholarship.

Jodi Evans is the daughter of Codi and June Evans and is a senior at Bowie High School. Jodi has a 4.19 GPA and will attend Towson University in the fall.

Kyndall Jackson is the son of Ria and Scott Jackson and is a senior at Elizabeth Seton High School. Kyndall has a 4.48 GPA and will attend Hofstra University in the fall.

Ethan Kelly is the son of Thomas and Jackie Kelly and is a senior at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. Ethan has a 4.38 GPA. Ethan will attend Harvard University in the fall.

Amira O'Neal is the daughter of Ernesh Stewart and is a senior at Bowie High School. Amira has a 4.3 GPA and will attend Howard University in the fall.

Arianna Pankey is the daughter of Aaron and Malita Pankey and is a senior at Bowie High School. Arianna has a 4.2 GPA and will attend Howard University in the fall.

Each student will receive a scholarship award in the amount of \$1,000.

**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: 6-7-21; Time: 9:33; Location: City Hall;
Motion to close meeting made by: Boafo Seconded by Harrison;
Members in favor: All; Opposed: —;
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"/> 1	Appointment employment of employees	Public Health Officer
§3-305(b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3	Acquisition of Property	Consider Property Acquisition for public purpose
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4. This statement is made by Samuel 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: 9:37

Place: Dowie City Hall

Purpose(s): (1) (3)

Members who voted to meet in closed session: Adams, Gardner, Harrison, Estevé, Woolfley, Boate, Nkomo, Madu

Persons attending closed session: TA, HG, JH, ME, DW, AB, RN, Lott, Mears, Levan, Onyewu, Levan, King

Authority under § 3-305 for the closed session: (1) (3)

Topics actually discussed: Public Health Officer - Property Acquisition

Actions taken: _____

Each recorded vote: _____

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

Place: _____

Persons present: _____

Subjects discussed: _____