

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: May 30, 2013

1. Vehicle Replacement

The Public Works Department has reviewed existing bids available for vehicle replacement in the City Manager's Office. Under Montgomery County contract #1026143 a 2013 Ford Focus sedan can be acquired for \$15,955.04 to replace vehicle #14, which is scheduled for replacement in FY14. The Budget allocation for this unit is \$17,400. The City will not accept delivery of the vehicle prior to July 1, 2013.

As provided by Section 62 of the City Charter, this will serve as the required seven-day notice of intent to issue a purchase order to Apple Ford for a total amount of \$15,955.04.

2. Smart Meters Installation in Bowie

BGE has provided the following information concerning smart meter installation in Bowie:

20720	90%
20715	89%
20721	87%
20716	79%

BGE has indicated that most of the remaining installations require an appointment so an estimate for completion is difficult to provide. Staff is receiving very few inquiries from residents regarding this installation. We will continue to keep you updated as additional information becomes available.

3. Backyard Habitat Tour Results and Update on Community Wildlife Habitat Progress

On Saturday, May 18th, more than 60 residents visited some of the four homes that opened their certified wildlife habitats to others who wanted to come to learn tips and tricks for creating similar habitats in their own yards. These homes are just a few of the 115 homes in the Bowie area, as well as one house of worship and five schools, that

have become certified as part of the National Wildlife Federation Community Wildlife Habitat Program. Council supported the goal of becoming a certified Community Wildlife Habitat in the Environmental Infrastructure Action Strategy Plan (2007).