

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: June 13, 2013

1. Document Shredding & Styrofoam Recycling Event

A reminder that the shredding event is on Saturday, June 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot at Bowie High School. Residents can bring up to five kitchen-size trash bags or five archive boxes of their personal documents to be shredded while they wait. Crew members will also be collecting expanded polystyrene Styrofoam for recycling. This is the stiff Styrofoam that is used in packaging of electronics and other sensitive items. They will not be able to accept styrofoam plates, cups, egg cartons or fast food containers. Residents can call the Public Works Department at 301-809-2344 for more information.

2. Stormwater Meeting for Homeowners

On Wednesday, June 5th, 20 residents attended a meeting at the Kenhill Center hosted by the Environmental Finance Center (EFC) to discuss the City's stormwater program – both the study EFC is currently conducting and the need for a dedicated funding source in light of upcoming, enhanced stormwater permit requirements. Some of the questions and concerns raised by residents were: existing problems with standing water in areas of Derbyshire, Buckingham and Rockledge; confusion about the new State-mandated (House Bill 987) County stormwater fee; significant, active erosion causing property loss in one local stream; and feral cats living in storm sewers. The EFC will summarize these concerns in its report to Council in late summer.

3. Vehicle Replacement

The Public Works Department has received and analyzed the State of Maryland vehicle bid results. Maryland State Contract #001B3400276 with Apple Ford has been extended, allowing for the purchase of 2014 models at 2013 contract prices.

Under the State contract, a 2014 Ford 3/4 ton pickup truck can be acquired for \$26,530 to replace truck #402, which is scheduled for replacement in FY14. The budget for this vehicle is \$29,000. 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 \$26,530.

4. Economic Development Committee (EDC)

The Bowie EDC held their regular monthly meeting Wednesday. Ms. Kelly Pierce was nominated as EDC Vice Chair and elected to a one year term.

There was a critique of the May business awards breakfast; the EDC was pleased overall with the event and will continue with the breakfast format for 2014.

The EDC conducted a detailed discussion and review of materials gathered about Arts and Entertainment Districts, and they heard a new proposal about film and television production. The EDC Chairman will prepare a report to the City Council providing the background on the topics developed over the many years of EDC research and involvement. The report will address the pros and cons of the ideas advanced but will not have a "for" or "against" position. The draft report will be reviewed by EDC at its July 10, 2013 meeting.

Councilmember Gardner visited the EDC prior to the meeting's start but was not able to stay. Councilmember Turner attended the meeting and offered a perspective that helped the EDC frame the next steps the EDC will take.

The next meeting of the EDC is Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at 7:30 a.m. in Room 181 at City Hall.