

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: May 22, 2014

1. Bike to Work Day – Friday, May 16th

Last Friday was Bike to Work Day in the Washington, DC metropolitan region. This year, the City again was the home of two of the 79 pit stops in the area: at the Bowie Town Center, inside the Food Court, where 36 participants preregistered; and, in Old Bowie, at the Huntington Fire Station, where 33 folks had preregistered. Given the torrential rain occurring during the hours of each pit stop (6:30 – 8:30 AM), only a handful of the preregistrants attended: 10 people attended the Town Center pit stop, including a Bowie High School student who was the first arrival; 11 individuals were at the Old Town pit stop. Special thanks and appreciation are extended to the Simon Property Group/Bowie Town Center Mall management staff and to the firefighters at the Huntington Station for their participation at the respective pit stops.

2. Bowie Business Recognition Award Winners

The City's Economic Development Committee (EDC) in partnership with the Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce (GBCC) held the 7th Annual Bowie Business Recognition Awards on Wednesday, May 14 as part of a month long celebration of May as Business Appreciation Month in Bowie. Six awards were presented, including a new-for-this-year recognition of Incubator Business of the Year. Honorees were presented with acknowledgements from Senator Peters, Delegates Holmes, Hubbard and Valentino-Smith; County Council Member Turner; and a joint plaque from the City and Chamber. As an added bonus, each awardee received a certificate for one free airplane flying lesson from longtime Bowie business – Freeway Airport. Also recognized were this year's winners of the Bowie State University Idea Competition: Kevin Mack, Stanley Morgan and Kristy Williams. *The Bowie State University Idea Competition* was held for the first time this spring and is a business plan competition for students; ideas were evaluated by a panel of judges in three areas – Idea, Problem or Opportunity; how it was addressed; and SWOT analysis.

This year's Bowie Business Recognition awardees are:

Incubator Business of the Year – 2014 Honoree: Sage Services Group LLC – Sonya Hopson, Founder

Entrepreneur of the Year – 2014 Honoree: Cynthia Esparza Crockett and Mark Crockett, Crockett Facilities Services, Inc.

Small Business of the Year – 2014 Honoree: Simple Pleasures Ice Café – Terri and Rodney Russell

Community Service Award – 2014 Honoree: The Bowie Baysox – Brian Shallcross, General Manager

Green Business of the Year – 2014 Honoree: Bowie Town Center – Steven Andrews, Area Mall Manager

Business of the Year – 2014 Honoree: Inovalon Inc. – Dr. Keith Dunleavy, President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board

3. New Vehicle Purchase – Utilities Division

The FY15 Budget allocates for the purchase of a new dump truck to be utilized by the Utilities Division in the Public Works Department. Under Maryland State Contract #001P4100042 with Apple Ford, a 2014 Ford F-550 can be acquired for \$77,325. The budget for this vehicle is \$72,000; however, the additional \$5,325 for snow equipment will come from the Materials, Supplies and Minor Equipment account for the Streets Division.

The City will not accept delivery of the vehicle prior to July 1, 2014. 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 \$77,325.

4. Streets Division Vehicle Replacement

The FY15 Budget allocates for the replacement of truck #200 utilized by the Streets Division in the Public Works Department. Under Maryland State Contract #001B4400485 with Apple Ford, a 2014 Ford F-350 can be acquired for \$52,753. The budget for this vehicle is \$46,500; however, the additional \$6,253 for snow equipment will come from the Materials, Supplies and Minor Equipment account for the Streets Division.

The City will not accept delivery of the vehicle prior to July 1, 2014. 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 \$52,753.

5. Tent in Back Parking Lot at Town Center

A County Use and Occupancy permit was issued May 21, 2014 for a temporary tent for rug sales at Town Center. Diamond Rug Company will be at this location for approximately 30 days. No building permits are required at this time. Diamond Rug Company is out of Anne Arundel County and has erected tents at Annapolis Mall in the past.