



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, JULY 7, 2014

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, July 7, 2014 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:07 p.m.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:

Mayor Robinson led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

### QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Truth, Councilmembers Brady, Gardner (Arrived 8:26p.m.), and Polangin; City Manager Deutsch, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

### CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Leslie Mummert, representing the Environmental Advisory Committee, spoke to Council in reference to creating a Nature Exploration Area in a City park for children.
2. Brian Jamison, representing the South Bowie Boys & Girls Club, thanked Council for the installation of the goal posts at Church Road Park and presented a contribution towards the installation of the posts to the City for \$3,000.

### PRESENTATIONS:

A. Mayor Robinson swore-in two new Police Officers to the Bowie Police Department; Ms. Natalie Harris and Mr. Craig Mathew.

### CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

- A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:
1. Mayor Robinson moved the reappointment of William Schmitt, Nancy Franklin, William Boyer and Lynette Washington as members to the Administrative Review Board for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
  2. Mayor Robinson moved the reappointment of James Golato, Terry Rogers, Jr., Carl J. Schuettler, Ronald Skotz and Lisa F. Avery as members of the Advisory Planning Board for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

**MAYOR** G. Frederick Robinson    **MAYOR PRO TEM** Isaac C. Truth

**COUNCIL** Dennis Brady ♦ Henri Gardner ♦ James L. Marcos ♦ Diane M. Polangin ♦ Todd M. Turner    **CITY MANAGER** David J. Deutsch  
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3. Councilmember Brady moved the reappointment of Marion Shipman as a member of the Arts Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
4. Mayor Robinson moved the reappointment of Emerson DeWitt Ruth and Pamela Fleming as members of the Board of Personnel Appeals for a 2-year term. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
5. Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved the reappointment of Dale L. Grant and Mary Ellen Winlund as members of the Community Outreach Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
6. Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved the reappointment of Patricia J. Switts, John Dutrow, Mark N. Lewellen, Robert Deegan, Juernine M. Wright, Chris Lawson and Joe Hoyt as members of the Community Recreation Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
7. Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved the reappointment of Elveeda H. Dixon and Jennie Guilbaud as members of the Diversity Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
8. Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved the reappointment of Edward J. Leyden, Joan B. Pitkin, Sean Doordan, LaTanya Brown-Robertson, Rochelle S. Brown, Stanley Rodenhauser, Lisa R. Ransom, Yolanda Muckle and Phyllis C. Thompson as members of the Economic Development Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
9. Councilmember Polangin moved the reappointment of Regina Spruill, Nikita J. Thelwell and Bree Gunter as members of the Education Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
10. Councilmember Brady moved the reappointment of Gary Allen, Maria Arnold, Thomas W. Sykes, Charles "Mike" Traweek, John Allender, Leslie Wood Mummert, Karin Taschenberger and John R. Teasdale as members of the Environmental Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
11. Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved the reappointment of Bonnie Moore, Patrick Thelwell and Dustin M. Kuzan as members of the Financial Advisory Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
12. Councilmember Brady moved the reappointment of John Allender, Maysen Gore-Duran, Sue Livera, Thomas W. Sykes, Jamie Vavra, Linda Cooper, Roberto Kaje, Becky Sunday and John R. Teasdale as members of the Green Team Executive Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
13. Councilmember Brady moved the reappointment of Kenneth Wenzel, Tracy Evans, JoAnn Marshall-Hobbs, Frank Figlozzi and James R. Peters as members of the Information Technology Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
14. Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved the reappointment of Monica B. James, Delmer F. Billings, Richard O'Brien, William C. Grayson, Leonard L. Lucchi, Ronald E. Gill, Jr. and Bill Healey as members of the Public Safety Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Polangin seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

#### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson, on behalf of Council, thanked City staff and Bowie Baysox staff for the extraordinary 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch introduced the City's new IT Director, Vanetta Pledger.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Brady moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of May 5 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of May 19 Meeting Minutes; C) Approval of June 2 Meeting Minutes; D) Approval of June 16 Meeting Minutes; E) Approval of Resolution R-42-14 – By Two-Thirds Vote Authorizing the Waiving of Bidding Requirements to Allow for the Purchase of Eighteen Police Vehicles by Piggybacking on the State of Maryland Vehicle Bid; F) Approval of Resolution R-43-14 – 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 Sign a Contract With Columbia Telecommunications Corporation for the Development of a Closed Circuit Television System for the City; G) Approval of Resolution R-46-14 – Approving Variance Application BV-4-14, a Request by David Magruder to Allow the Construction of Approximately 94 Linear Feet of Six Foot High Fencing Along Barberry Lane When, According to the Prince George's County Zoning Ordinance, Such Fencing Shall Not be More Than Four (4) Feet High, at 12625 Beechfern Lane; H) Approval of Resolution R-47-14 – By Two-Thirds Vote Authorizing the Waiving of Bidding Requirements to Allow for the Purchase of Two Electric Police Motorcycles. Mayor Pro Tem Trough seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Police Strategic Plan – Police Chief Nesky briefed Council on the Police Departments Five-Year Strategic Plan. Some of the actions in the plan include the hiring of new police officers, creating a new captain and lieutenant position, hiring call takers for the call center and the purchase of equipment for the call center which is estimated to open by June 30, 2015. The department will also begin the CALEA (Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) accreditation process. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

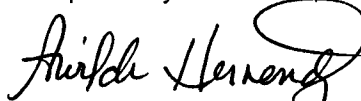
City Manager Deutsch commented that the suggestions made by the Chief Nesky on equipment, personnel and various administrative systems that he proposes to employ over the next five years, will require the Council's support during budget time. The strategic plan will be a living, working document that will be reviewed continually and will be the Chief's basis for the department's future budgets.

Council thanked the Police Chief for a superior presentation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Trough moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move into Closed Session under State Government Article, §10-508(a)(7): To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, CMC  
City Clerk

**WRITTEN STATEMENT FOR CLOSING A MEETING  
UNDER THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT**

Date: 7/7/14 Time: 9:07pm Location: CH 181 Motion to close meeting made by: Truth;

Seconded by Brady, Members voting in favor: Polangin, Robinson, Gardner

Truth, Brady Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ Absent Marcos, Turner


**STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSE SESSION, State Government Article, §10-508(a) (check all that apply):**

- (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; or 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 on a legal matter;
- (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.

**FOR EACH CITATION CHECKED ABOVE, THE REASONS FOR CLOSING AND TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:**

- ( ) Collins matter re settlement parameters re
- ( ) suit by dismissed employee
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Persons attending closed session: See above, plus Deutzel, E. Levan

This statement is made by G. Frederick Robinson, Presiding Officer:   
SIGNATURE

\*\*\*\*\* FOR USE IN MINUTES OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING: \*\*\*\*\*

TOPICS DISCUSSED AND ACTION(S) TAKEN (IF ANY):  
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Time closed session adjourned: 9:20pm