

MEMORANDUM

TO: City Council

FROM: David J. Deutsch
City Manager

SUBJECT: *Status Report*

DATE: July 17, 2014

1. CB-56-2014 PZED Results

At their meeting of July 15th, the County Council's Planning, Zoning and Economic Development (PZED) Committee voted unanimously to send CB-56-2014 to public hearing as drafted. The legislation will permit Assisted Living Facilities in the M-X-T (Mixed Use Transportation Oriented) zone at Melford Village. City staff and St. John Properties' attorney Robert Antonetti supported the bill. Council Member Mel Franklin made a motion to give a FAVORABLE recommendation for CB-56-2014. Council Member Eric Olson seconded, and the motion passed 4-0, with Chair Ingrid Turner (the sponsor) and Vice Chair Will Campos also voting in favor. Council Member Andrea Harrison was absent. The bill will come up for public hearing in September.

2. Habitat 101 Workshop and Tour Kicks Off \$20 Backyard Certification Reimbursements

On July 30th at 7:00 p.m., the Bowie Gardens for Wildlife (BG4W) Habitat Team and the Bowie Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) will host a "Habitat 101 Workshop and Tour" at Bowie City Hall. Information will be provided about the four elements of habitat (food, water, cover, and places to raise young), sustainable gardening practices, and how property owners can certify their backyards through the National Wildlife Federation (NWF). It typically costs \$20 for a resident to certify their yard as a NWF Wildlife Habitat but, starting the day of the Habitat 101 Workshop, the City will reimburse the \$20 certification fee for up to 50 City homeowners. Reimbursements will be given on a first come, first served basis until 50 have been claimed by providing receipt of the paid certification fee to the City's Sustainability Planner, or until the program end date on June, 5, 2015. Council appropriated funds for this incentive program in the Planning Department's budget this year to help the City achieve a Certified Wildlife Community designation.

This free workshop and certification reimbursement program are part of a larger effort by the City to become a NWF certified Community Wildlife Habitat. To achieve this goal, Bowie must meet education and certification goal targets based on population size including a minimum number of certified homes (200), schools (5), and community sites (6). Currently, there are 122 homes, six schools, and five community sites certified within the City. That means the City will need at least 78 more homes and one more

community site to meet minimum site requirements. However, on top of that, the City needs to achieve 300 total certification points. Schools are five points, community sites are three points, and homes are one point. Currently, Bowie has reached about two-thirds of the certification points needed to achieve certification (167 points out of 300 points total).

3. Cooperative Purchase of Gasoline

On June 2, 2014, the Council of Governments in conjunction with Montgomery County, MD conducted a reverse auction for the cooperative purchase of gasoline. Bidders were permitted to bid on all sections and line items or just certain sections and line items. The bidder who bid the lowest price for our area in truck transport quantities was Mansfield Oil. The net differential offered by Mansfield was \$ -.0087 per gallon. The beginning price under this contract will be the current price published on Oil Price Information Sheet (OPIS) minus the net differential.

The low bidder for our area in tank wagon quantities was James River Solutions who bid a net differential of \$.0800 per gallon. The beginning price for delivery of regular unleaded gasoline in tank wagon quantities will be the current OPIS price plus the differential of \$.0800. As with other fuel purchases, the price will increase or decrease based on the published OPIS price.

Pursuant to Section 62 of the City Charter, the City Council shall be given seven days' notice prior to entering into a purchase agreement of this type. The contract is for the period beginning September 1, 2014 and ending on August 31, 2015.