



# City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road  
Bowie, Maryland 20716

## REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2014

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, August 4, 2014 in the Council Chambers at City Hall. Mayor Robinson called the meeting to order at 8:00 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, Polangin and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

### COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson announced National Night Out will be held August 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00p.m at Allen Pond Park.

### CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on the status of the signal light installation on Rt. 197 and Evergreen; SHA representative stated that it would be completed by the end of summer.

### CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of July 14 Meeting Minutes; B) Introduction of Ordinance O-7-14 – Authorizing the Purchase of the Garner Property, Also Known as Block 29, Lots 6-8 and Lots 9-11 in the Subdivision Known as “Plan of the City of Huntington “Bowie”, Maryland”, Located at 13104 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Bowie, Maryland at a Purchase Price of \$175,000, and Authorizing the City Manager to Execute a Contract of Sale Therefor. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

### OLD BUSINESS:

A. Adoption of Ordinance O-5-14 – Authorizing the Execution of a Declaration of Extinguishment of Covenants and Reinstatement With Respect to Certain Property Situated in the Melford Subdivision in the Event of its Acquisition by the Federal Government or an Independent Establishment Thereof.

**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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City Attorney Levan summarized the ordinance which will extinguish the Covenants of certain portions of land in Melford that will be acquired by the Holocaust Memorial Museum to establish a storage facility for Holocaust artifacts.

**Public Hearing:**

Since there were no speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Diane Polangin made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-5-14. Mayor pro Tem Trough seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

B. Adoption of Ordinance O-6-14 – Amending Chapter 3, “Amusements, Carnivals, Fairs or Similar Uses,” Section 3-10, “Duration of Permit”, the Bowie City Code, to Clarify that the Existing Restriction on the Number of Permits That May be Issued Annually to a Single User is Intended to Apply to the Property Owner, Rather Than to the Operator of the Amusement, Fair or Carnival.

City Manager Deutsch summarized the ordinance which will restrict carnivals to one permit on any property per calendar year.

**Public Hearing:**

Since there were no speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Turner made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-6-14. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

A. HEAL Cities & Towns Campaign – Ms. Marisa Jones with the Institute for Public Health Innovation, briefed Council on the Healthy Eating Active Living (HEAL) Cities & Towns Campaign. The campaign focuses on how cities and towns can help their community live healthier lives by creating local policies to provide residents an opportunity to access affordable nutritious foods and safe crosswalks, paths to encourage activity.

Councilmember Trough stated that the City currently has many of the aspects that the campaign focuses on but is there anything else that the City can improve on. Ms. Jones expressed that that is something that the organization can work with the City to identify.

Councilmember Brady asked if this is something that can be partnered with schools to encourage the youth on healthy choices. Ms. Jones responded that the organization does work at the school level.

Council thanked Ms. Jones for the presentation and directs staff to work with the organization on creating a resolution and plan to present to Council at a future meeting.

B. City Transportation Priority List – Mr. Joe Meinert, City Planning Director, summarized the staff report. Under State Transportation, Route 450 and Route 197 are the two highest priorities; with respect to County roadways the City's main priority is Church Road.

**Public Hearing:**

1. Rammita Jones, 1406 Peachwood Lane – spoke in support of the City's Transportation Priorities.

Since there were no more speakers signed up to speak, Mayor Robinson declared the public hearing to have been held.

Councilmember Gardner asked Mr. Meinert where the pedestrian bridge on Rt 214 would be located and if there is a need for it. Mr. Meinert responded that it would follow the former A44 right-of-way.

Councilmember Turner would like for staff to recommend that the Rt. 197 project be moved to the top of the priority list as well as sending a letter to WMATA referencing priority transit in the city.

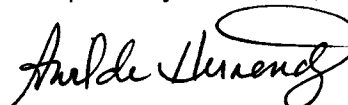
Councilmember Brady reiterated that the pedestrian safety on Hall Road needs to be addressed.

Mayor Pro Tem Trough made a motion to forward the recommended list from staff to the County and State with these additional suggestions: 1) Rt 197 is moved to the top of the State priority list; 2) County and City partnership for Old Stage Rd project; 3) Race Track Road improvements should be short term project working with the County; 4) letter sent to WMATA on Transportation Priorities i.e. Rt 50 as a priority connection; 5) additional letter be sent to Park & Planning to address issues handled by them; 6) check southern side of Hall Road for possible installation of sidewalk; 9) continue dialog with SHA on Rt 214 maintenance; 8) add additional language to indicate to SHA to extend the 3 lanes on Rt 301 from Rt 50 all the way to Rt 214. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mayor Pro Tem Trough moved to adjourn the City Council meeting and move into Closed Session under State Government Article, §10-508(a)(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; §10-508(a)(3): To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto and §10-508(a)(7): To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Awilda Hernandez, CMC  
City Clerk

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

Date: 8/4/14 Time: 9:32pm Location: CH 181 Motion to close meeting made by: Truth ;

Seconded by Turner Members voting in favor: Polangin, Truth, Robinson, Brady

Turner, Gardner Opposed: \_\_\_\_\_ Abstaining \_\_\_\_\_ Absent Marcos

**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:**

- (1) Personnel matters
- (3) Property matter
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Persons attending closed session: Robinson, Truth, Turner, Polangin, Brady, Gardner, Deutsch, Fitzwater, Lcv97

This statement is made by Maya 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: 10:20

**Appendix C**