



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, September 15, 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:

Boy Scout Troop 29 led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

QUORUM:

In attendance were Mayor Robinson, Mayor Pro Tem Truth, Councilmembers Brady, Gardner, Marcos (Arrived 8:12p.m.), Polangin and Turner; Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

AGENDA ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/AMENDMENTS:

Mayor Robinson stated that Item (D) under the Consent Agenda would be removed per staff request to make minor corrections and would be presented back to Council at a future meeting.

Councilmember Turner requested to add Item (G) under Consent Agenda approving Proclamation P-12-14 Establishing September 22, 2014 as Car Free Day in Bowie.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Turner moved the appointment of Jenmaire Dewberry as a member of the Diversity Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
2. Councilmember Brady moved the appointment of Valerie Hall Yancey as a member of the Arts Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
3. Councilmember Polangin moved the appointment of Gail Elkins as a member of the Education Committee for a 2-year term. Mayor Pro Tem Truth seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
4. Mayor Robinson swore-in the new members to their committees.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Councilmember Turner moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of September 2 Meeting Minutes; B) Approval of Proclamation P-11-14 – Declaring the Week of

September 17-23, 2014 as Constitution Week in Bowie; C) Adoption of Resolution R-54-14 – Accepting a Proposal for Consulting Services Related to a 15,000 Square Foot Addition to the Planned 10th Street Park and Playground, and for Construction Drawings for Planned Improvements to the Bowie Railroad Museum in Old Town Bowie; D) Approval of Letter to Prince George’s County Planning Board re: Proposed FY16 Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Budget; E) Adoption of Resolution R-57-14 – Awarding a Contract to Garcete Construction, Inc. in the Amount of \$62,000 for the Replacement of the Stage and Stairs at the Bowie Playhouse; F) Approval of Proclamation P-12-14 – Establishing Monday, September 22, 2014 as Car Free Day in Bowie. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Prince George’s Zoning Ordinance Rewrite – Mr. Joe Meinert, City of Bowie Planning Director, introduced Mr. Derick Berlage from Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission who briefed Council on the County’s progress of rewriting the Zoning Ordinance and Subdivision Regulations. The rewrite of the ordinance has many objectives; to make it a shorter and more concise ordinance, user-friendly, streamlined, modernized zones, a simplified development approval and master plan approval process. This task is being done in different phases. Phase I which was the Pre-Planning phase began in July of 2013 and was just completed in February of this year. At this point the County is in Phase II of the rewrite which is evaluating and obtaining recommendations from different public outreaches. The County Council hopes to approve the new ordinance in March of 2017.

Councilmember Polangin asked if the rewrite of the ordinance will affect the permitting process. Mr. Berlage responded that they are making sure that it conforms with the permitting process to allow for a smoother process.

Councilmember Brady asked if there have been any assessments to make sure there aren’t any dangers of doing a complete rewrite of the ordinance. Mr. Berlage stated that the rewrite needs to be done, and the County is working hard to make sure it is done the right way, hence the three year process.

Mayor Robinson thanked Mr. Berlage for his presentation and stated that all component players have to have a role in order to make the rewrite work.

B. CB-56-2014 (Draft 1 Amended) Assisted Living Facilities in the M-X-T Zone – Mr. Joe Meinert, City of Bowie Planning Director, summarized the memorandum presented to Council.

Mr. Robert Antonetti, with the law firm Shipley and Horne, representing St. John Properties, went over the proposed changes to CB-56-2014. They are in the form of footnotes; footnote 15 states that a Detailed Site Plan will be required and that a Conceptual Site Plan shall not be required. Under footnote 16 it will include verbiage on semi-independent living units.

Councilmember Polangin asked if this change of assisted living units would be in addition to the number required of senior housing when the plan was approved. Mr. Antonetti responded that it will not be in addition, it will be part of the required number.

Councilmember Gardner asked how many units are being planned. Mr. Antonetti responded that negotiations are in process with a potential user so they are not sure of exact numbers but all details will be presented to Council before any ground breaking begins.

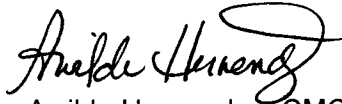
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Councilmember Polangin made a motion to approve a letter be sent to the County Council supporting the amended version of CB-56-2014. Councilmember Gardner seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "A".

Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk