



City of Bowie

15901 Excalibur Road
Bowie, Maryland 20716

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2014

CALL MEETING TO ORDER:

The Regular Meeting of the Bowie City Council was held on Monday, October 6, 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 Trouth, Councilmembers Brady (Arrived 8:05p.m.), Gardner, Marcos, Polangin and Turner; City Manager Deutsch, Assistant City Manager Fitzwater, City Attorney Levan, City Clerk Hernandez, Staff, the Press, and the Public.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

1. Charles Walker and Harve Woods, Prince George's County Volunteer Fire Association – Spoke to Council in regards to supporting County Legislation CB-22-2014.

CITY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

A. Appointments/Reappointments/Swearing-In:

1. Councilmember Marcos moved the appointment of Steven Andrews as a member of the Economic Development Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Turner seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
2. Councilmember Polangin moved the appointment of David Grogan and Benity Sewell as members of the Education Committee for a 2-year term. Councilmember Marcos seconded the motion and it carried 6-0.
3. Mayor Robinson swore-in the new members to their respective committees.

COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mayor Robinson expressed thanks to staff for the wonderful job in hosting the International Festival; it was a great success.

CITY MANAGER'S REPORT:

City Manager Deutsch reported on the status of repairs at railroad crossings by SHA; the repairs on the crossings at Central Avenue and Hall Road will be done sometime in the summer of 2015. The issue of installation of gates at Hall Road has not been decided yet, SHA will continue to study and make a decision in the coming months.

CONSENT AGENDA:

Mayor Pro Tem Trouth moved the approval of Consent Agenda Items: A) Approval of Resolution R-56-14 – Awarding a Contract for the Installation of a New Asphalt Shingle Roof, Gutters and Repair of the Rotunda at the Bowie Gymnasium; B) Approval of Resolution R-58-14 – By Two-Thirds Vote Waives Bidding Requirements for the Purchase of a 2015 Nissan Leaf from Nissan of Bowie for \$29,661; C) Approval of Resolution R-59-14 – Accepting Bid for Interior Building Improvements for a Temporary Holding Room for Animals at Bowie City Hall, Located at 15901 Excalibur Road; D) Approval of Resolution R-60-14 – Accepting a Donation of Outlot I, Ashleigh Subdivision, Located at 2210 Davit Court, Bowie, Maryland 20721, from the James G. Sakellaris Family Partnership, LLC and Authorizing the City Manager to Accept and Record the Deed to the City; E) Approval of Resolution R-61-14 – Awarding a Contract to Fresh Air Concepts, LLC in the Amount of \$74,074.45 for the Replacement of HVAC Equipment at the Belair Stable Museum and the Bowie Playhouse; F) Approval of Resolution R-62-14 – Approving the Second Amendment to the Water Tower Lease Agreement Between the City and APC Realty and Equipment Company at 3107 Belair Drive; G) Approval of Letter to Maryland Energy Administration Adopting the City of Bowie Energy Reduction and Renewable Energy Assessment Plan for Maryland Smart Energy Communities as Presented in Draft Plan Developed by University of Maryland-Environmental Finance Center; H) Approval of Resolution R-63-14 – Accepting Bid for the Design/Build for the Replacement of Two (2) Dry Pit Submersible Pumps at Pump Station #1 Located at 12812 Holiday Lane; I) Approval of Resolution R-64-14 - By Two-Thirds Vote Waiving the Competitive Bidding Requirements of the City Charter to Allow the City to Enter Into Contracts with Various Snow Plow Contractors that May Exceed \$25,000 in Aggregate Value; J) Approval of Resolution R-65-14 – Supporting an Increase in Certain Benefits Under the Prince George's County Length of Service Award Program for Volunteers and Surviving Spouses. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 7-0.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Bowie Center for the Performing Arts – Dr. Gerald George, Executive Director of the BCPA briefed Council on the current operations of the center. A copy of the presentation is on file in the City Clerk's Office. The Center was built as a public/private partnership, and is operated under a memorandum of understanding between Prince George's County Public Schools, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the City of Bowie, and the Bowie Regional Arts Vision Association, Incorporated. In FY 2014 the center hosted more than 44,000 people in about 250 concerts, plays, ballets, meetings, play readings and art displays. Operating costs ran about \$570,000.

Following comments from Councilmembers, Mayor Robinson thanked Dr. George for the presentation and encouraged him to do a presentation to Council at least every two years.

B. Land Use Legislation – City Manager Deutsch briefed Council on a bill entitled "Regional District Reform Act of 2015" which allows municipalities to create a Municipal Planning Board and on the Zoning Authority Bill which revises the current delegation of land use authority to become elective on the part of a municipality. Both bill drafts are with the bill drafting office of the Department of Legislative Services. The bills will be formally introduced in November and be heard by the Prince

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George's House Delegation in December. As the process continues, staff will brief Council on the status of the bills.

Councilmember Truth recommends that a discussion be had with PGCMA in regards to the second bill at an upcoming meeting. City Manager Deutsch will schedule with City Lobbyist.

Councilmember Brady encouraged staff to pursue looking into the zoning laws regarding fences and cargo trailers.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mayor Pro Tem Truth moved to adjourn the City Council meeting. Councilmember Brady seconded the motion and it carried 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Awilda Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Awilda Hernandez, CMC
City Clerk