

RESOLUTION
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND
RESTRUCTURING THE BOWIE YOUTH COUNCIL

WHEREAS, on September 8, 2020, the Council of the City of Bowie adopted R-69-20 creating a Bowie Youth Council; and

WHEREAS, the Bowie Youth Council executed their duties from August 2021 through June 2022 and presented their final report to the City Council on May 16, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conferred certificates on the Bowie Youth Council members and advisors on June 6, 2022 and thanked them for their service; and

WHEREAS, members of the Bowie Youth Council, advisors, Staff Liaisons and the Council Liaison agreed, after analysis of the inaugural year, that updates to the structure of the Youth Council should be made.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland, that the Bowie Youth Council be and hereby is replaced with the Bowie Youth Advisory Committee, which is established as follows:

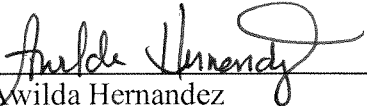
1. Purpose - The Youth Advisory Committee provides an opportunity for local students to learn about local government and have a voice in city affairs. The Youth Advisory Committee will consist of 9 City of Bowie students who will have the opportunity to provide positive leadership and service and engage the community. Each of the four Bowie districts will be represented.
2. Membership – Members of the Youth Advisory Committee will be appointed by the City Council with each district having a minimum of one representative. The Youth Advisory Committee will select its Chairperson, Vice Chairperson and Secretary.
 - a. All members will be in grades 6 through 12;
 - b. The term of each member will be one year. Members are eligible to reapply annually if they meet member eligibility requirements.
 - c. Members must meet the following qualifications:
 - i. Remain residents of the City and district they represent;
 - ii. Attend meetings on a regular basis;
 - iii. Maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average for the current school year;
 - iv. Fulfill the responsibilities of the office held.
3. Responsibilities – The Youth Advisory Committee will have the following responsibilities:

- a. The Youth Advisory Committee will meet at least once a month starting in September, following the August orientation, through May. An optional gathering may be held in June, with no meetings in July.
 - b. The Youth Advisory Committee Advisors and Staff Liaisons will set the agenda each month with the Chairperson's input or suggestions.
 - c. The meetings will be structured as workshops or working sessions to accomplish the goals for the year. The schedule (for the monthly goals) will be set up at the beginning of each term.
 - d. A member of the Youth Advisory Committee will be required to attend each City Council meeting to encourage members to stay apprised of City Council decisions and events and how it functions. The member will provide a report to the Youth Advisory Committee members. Members have the option to watch the recorded meetings in lieu of attending in person.
4. Advisors – There will be two Youth Advisory Committee advisors. They will be adult volunteers appointed by the City Council from applicants. At least one Advisor will attend all meeting of the Youth Advisory Committee and help guide the committee members. Advisors will serve one-year terms.

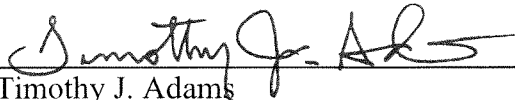
INTRODUCED AND PASSED by the Council of the City of Bowie, Maryland at a meeting on September 19, 2022.

ATTEST:

THE CITY OF BOWIE, MARYLAND



Awilda Hernandez
City Clerk



Timothy J. Adams
Mayor