

City of Bowie
Financial Advisory Committee

Regularly Scheduled Meeting on July 12th, 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: On July 12, 2017, the Financial Advisory Committee held a regular meeting. The Committee discussed the FY2018 Adopted Budget, written response to the Public Safety Committee, Questionnaires from the 2017 Bowiefest, the Indoor Sports Complex, the Golf Course, and the Marijuana Dispensary. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for August 2, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.

1. **Call To Order.** At 7:18 pm The Secretary called the meeting to order in the Bowie City Hall, 5901 Excalibur Rd, Bowie, MD 20716.
2. **Roll Call.**
 - a. A quorum was established with the following members in attendance:
 - i. Muzar Jah, Secretary
 - ii. Tiffany Lightbourn
 - iii. Meglan Knights
 - iv. William Olukoya
 - v. Rodney Yancey
 - b. Mr. Byron Matthews, Director, Bowie Financial Department and Staff Liaison to the Financial Advisory Committee was in attendance.
 - c. No other residents, guests, or members of the media were present.
3. **Approval of Minutes.** No meeting minutes were approved
4. **Introductions** None
5. **Unfinished Business** None
6. **New Business:**
 - a. **2018 Budget**
 - i. The Committee discussed the FY2018 Adopted Budget. One difference noted between the Proposed and Adopted budget is the decision to hire three dispatch staff instead of two new police officers. The Committee will consider reviewing the mid-year budget book to provide feedback to the council. The mid-year book accounts for spending up to December 31st, 2017.

b. Public Safety Committee

- i. The Committee decided to complete and send a written response to the Public Safety Committee's letter and continue to foster communication with all committees.

c. Questionnaire from Bowiefest 2017

- i. The Committee decided to compile the responses from the Bowiefest 2017 questionnaires. This questionnaire is more generic than the previous Bowiefest surveys. It focused on obtaining feedback on what three things the City is doing well and three things that could use improvement.

d. Indoor Sports Complex

- i. The Committee discussed the Indoor Sports Complex. Spending for the Indoor Sports Complex has been put on hold. The Council is exploring alternatives to reduce the cost. The Council is also considering offering up a referendum on this topic.

e. Golf Course

- i. The Committee discussed the Golf Course Lease Payments. The Golf Course is a city owned amenity and there is money allotted in the budget to maintain it. Although lease payments have been relieved, the current management company is still diligently paying their taxes and maintaining all other fiscal responsibilities, while the City works on improvements to the facility.

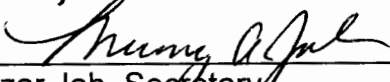
f. Marijuana Dispensary

- i. Council has tabled that discussion for later.

7. **The Committed adjourned** at 8:09 pm.

8. **Next Meeting:** The next Committee meeting is scheduled for August 2nd, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Financial Advisory Committee, City of Bowie, Maryland, on September 6, 2017.



Muzar Jah, Secretary