

City of Bowie
Financial Advisory Committee Minutes
Regularly Scheduled Meeting October 5, 2022

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: On Wednesday October 5, 2022, the Financial Advisory Committee held its regular meeting via Microsoft Teams. The published October Agenda was followed. First, several issues were discussed during Open Forum. Second, a proposal for advance review of Budget documents was considered for decision.

Call to Order: At 7:05 PM.

1. Roll Call and Introductions:

A. A quorum was established with the following FAC members in attendance:

- i. William Olukoya
- ii. Carl Robinson
- iii. Meglan Knights

B. Mr. H. Byron Matthews, Director, Bowie Finance Department is the Staff Liaison to the Financial Advisory Committee, and was in attendance. No guests were in attendance.

C. The published October 2022 Agenda was reviewed, adopted and followed.

2. Old Business: Minutes from the July and September meetings were finalized and approved.

3. New Business Discussed:

A. Open Forum:

1. Virtual Bowie Marketplace Stakeholders Meeting: This meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2022. Carl to attend and will report back to the Committee.

- i. The builder is Berman Enterprises. The proposal is to build a Storage facility and car wash on 5-acres located in the rear of Marketplace shopping center.
- ii. Berman Enterprises is the same builder for the Dash-in project in which the proposal is to build a gas-station, car wash and food store on the site currently occupied by Applebees.
- iii. The PG County Council has jurisdiction in approving these projects. As a result, citizen participation is key to ensure their expression of approval or rejection is heard by the County Council and by the developer.

2. Financial Advisory meeting Agendas: The Agenda for upcoming meetings is due 2-weeks in advance of the meeting. This document, once provided, is published on the City Website for the benefit of City residents who wish to participate in the meeting.

3. Financial Advisory meeting Minutes: The August 2022 meeting was adjourned due to lack of a quorum. The team agreed that for continuity, minutes should be prepared when a meeting is adjourned. The adjournment and reason should be stated therein.

4. The International Festival: The committee expressed appreciation to Finance staffers who designed a poster for display at the Festival. While the 2022 event was cancelled due to the weather, all expressed hope that the Poster could be used next year.

B. Review of Budget: The Chair suggested and all members agreed that we commence a review of the Budget, in sections. This activity will appear on future agendas.

4. Committee adjourned: At 8:04 PM. The next Committee meeting is planned for November 2, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

The foregoing minutes were approved by the Financial Advisory Committee, City of Bowie, on 11/2/22

Meglan Knights
Secretary