## Bowie City Council Meeting Results February 16, 2021

## **Consent Agenda:**

All items approved.

## **Old Business:**

- A. City Development Review Policies Council accepted policies as presented. Motioned by Councilmember Harrison, seconded by Councilmember Esteve.
- B. Proposed Communications Policy Regarding Virtual Meetings Councilmember Ndebumadu motioned to approve the policy with the addition to Scenario #3 Meetings Requested by Individual Councilmember, to remain at 4 meetings on a 6 month trial basis and if a Councilmember needs additional meetings than their allotted four, it can be approved via a Council Poll instead of a Council Meeting. Councilmember Harrison seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

## **New Business:**

- A. Urban Centrixity, Inc. Mr. John Seard and Ms. Carla Hayes briefed Council on the services they can provide City residents promoting sustainable homeownership through educational classes, training programs and business support services.
- B. Update on Environmental Initiatives Mr. Stephen Wehrenberg, Environmental Advisory Committee Chair, briefed Council on the committee's top three 2021 priorities; which include creating a new City staff position to promote Climate Action and Sustainability, aligning development and environmental goals and promoting a Sustainable Master Plan.
- C. Police Department Update Chief Nesky updated Council on department stats from the last four months. Thefts are down 39% as well as moving violations, but there is a slight increase on speed camera violations. The department has a closure rate of 45% on criminal investigation cases. Community Outreach events have been a success even through the pandemic, all safety measures were taken during these events.
- D. Mid-Year Budget Report City Manager Lott reported that the City's General Fund revenues surpassed the revenues generated as of the mid-year point of FY 2020 by over 2 million. General Fund revenues are at \$40,592,859 representing 60.9% of total budgeted revenues for FY 2021. Expenditures in the amount of \$27.4 million were 5.3% higher than FY 2020 mid-year expenditures.
- E. Resolution R-8-21 Addressing Smart Technology Solutions and the Digital Divide Councilmember Harrison motioned to adopt Resolution R-8-21. Councilmember Esteve seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.