

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
April 17, 2018

PRESENT: Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President Dan Schneckenburger, Bob Meffley, George Patchell and Jackie Gregory; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, members of the press; and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 A.M. –Council President Bowsbey called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and determined a quorum.

NOTE: Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of April 3, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Coalition Against Bigger Trucks

Elizabeth Bolstad, a representative of Coalition Against Bigger Trucks, provided a presentation on her nationwide, nonprofit organization that opposes increasing the maximum weight and length of trucks on highways. Her organization worked on the state and federal levels with law enforcement, highway safety organizations and highway engineers. Current maximum weight is 80,000 pounds and 33.5 feet trailers. She provided statistics that illustrated that heavier and longer trucks increase highway fatalities and pavement damage. Ms. Bolstad stated that she hoped that Cecil County Government would oppose any proposals to increase these standards. Council questions and comments ensued.

Trash Bash

The kickoff for the Trash Bash will be held on Sunday, April 22 at 12:00 pm at the County Administrative Building. County Executive McCarthy and Council President Bowsbey will be urging residents to clean the roadsides of their homes. In addition, individuals and family sponsors of Adopt A Road will be recognized for their ongoing support.

Animal Care and Control Advisory Committee

Council Members discussed a nominee to the Animal Care and Control Advisory Board.

Vice President Schneckenburger made a motion, which was seconded by Councilman Patchell, to appoint Renee Capano to this position. The motion was carried unanimously.

State Legislative Update

Council Manager Massey reviewed final actions on state legislation that were supported by Cecil County Council. The Council discussed the additional funding that will come for road maintenance. The administration has estimated approximately \$1.3M in additional revenue has already been included in the FY 2019 budget proposal.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on funds from the federal tax relief coming to the State and that the funds must be allocated.

Review of Legislative Agenda

There will be a special presentation of the 2017 Annual Report by the Department of Land Use and Development Services. Eric Sennstrom, stated that submission was required but no approval was necessary.

Resolution No. 10-2018 Approval – Road Abandonment – Brick Meeting House Road - Portion, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 16-2018 Tax Credit – Historic Property – Brick House, will be considered at tonight’s session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey updated Council Members about upcoming meetings and events.

Council Member Comments

Councilman Patchell stated that the Friends of Parks and Recreation, a nonprofit 501c3 organization, was being formed and their first meeting was scheduled tonight.

Councilman Meffley attended the Economic Development Commission, which included a tour of the School of Technology. He stated that student enrollment increased from 200 to 750. He stated that he met Sandra Edwards, a new employee of Economic Development. He attended the Friends of Bohemia River and Chesapeake City Little League opening day. He also attended the Cecilton and Hacks Point Volunteer Fire Company annual banquets. He attended the Chesapeake City Town meeting and Elkton Candidate Forum at Patriots Glen. He attended the Sheriff’s Office Intel meeting. He attended the Board of Education meeting and commented on the Chesapeake City Elementary School project.

Councilwoman Gregory stated that she would save her comments for tonight’s session.

Vice President Schneckenburger congratulated Cathy Wood, the county receptionist, for her good bill of health and commented on her friendliness. He attended the Economic Development Commission at the School of Technology and commented on the significant increase in students. He also attended the Cecilton and Hacks Point Volunteer Fire Company annual banquets. He

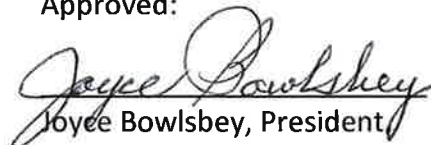
attended the Cecil County Fireman's Association meeting and commented on their concern over the lack of funding for new equipment.

Council President Bowsbey attended the Commission on Aging meeting and commented on a new advisory committee for a community center. She also commented that planning for Cecil Cares Day, a day of service, is underway. She also reported on the Planning Commission meeting, which includes two rezoning cases, two special exceptions and one withdrawal.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:35 am.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 9 am.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey, President

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager