

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2018-18
October 2, 2018**

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Joyce Bowlsbey, Council President
Dan Schneckenburger, Vice President
Bob Meffley, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member
Jackie Gregory, Council Member

NOTE: The audio and video recording with transcription of this meeting is available on the County website at www.ccgov.org.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of October 2, 2018 was called to order by Council President Bowlsbey at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Vice President Schneckenburger introduced Pastor Phil Meekins, New Beginnings Christian Fellowship of North East, who lead the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of October 2, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES

The Council presented a proclamation in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month to members of Union Hospital's breast cancer survivors. Sheelagh Stewart, Manager of the Breast Health Center of Union Hospital, accepted the proclamation with another breast cancer survivor.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

BILL NO. 2018-16

A Bill to approve the petition of Kim and Scott Wilkinson for property located at 1059 Biddle Street, Chesapeake City, MD 21915, also known as Losten's Dairy, LP. (Acres 589.822, Election District 2, Tax Maps 38, 39 and 44, Parcels 460, 483, 266, 2 and 5), requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

The Bill was introduced on September 4, 2018, advertised on September 19, 2018 and September 26, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on October 2, 2018.

Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, asked about this property's tax reduction as a result of establishment of the agricultural district, which was \$1,200.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2018-16 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on October 16, 2018.

BILL NO. 2018-17 Agricultural Preservation District – Bare Family Farm

A Bill to approve the petition of Maynard Bare, Shirley Bare, Terrill Bare, Norma Mitchell and Robin Mecinski for property located at 1711 North East Road, North East, MD 21901, also known as Bare Family Farm (Acres 156.76, Election District 9, Tax Map 19, Parcel 112) requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

The Bill was introduced on September 4, 2018, advertised on September 19, 2018 and September 26, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on October 2, 2018.

Steve O'Connor, Zoning Administrator, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:

There were no public comments.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2018-17 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on October 16, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2018 Expedited Legislation- Enterprise Zone- North East and Perryville

An Expedited Resolution to expand the existing Cecil County Enterprise Zone to include the North East Commons in North East and Chesapeake Overlook in Perryville.

The Resolution was introduced on September 4, 2018, advertised on September 19, 2018 and September 26, 2018; and public hearing scheduled on October 2, 2018.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments regarding the expediting of this legislation. Christopher Moyer, Economic Development Director, provided additional comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

Council President Bowsbey opened the hearing for public comments:

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented in support of this legislation.

Council President Bowsbey concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 38-2018 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on October 16, 2018.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Vice President Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2018. Motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cheryl Lacovara, Plumpton Park Zoo, commented in support of Resolution No. 41-2018.

Nicholas Lacovara, Mullian Hill, NJ, commented in support of Resolution No. 41-2018.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on the Plumpton Park Zoo, the condition of the proposed park property at former Bittersweet Golf Course, and his opposition to the appointment of David Rudoph in Resolution No. 39-2018.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell has no comments.

Councilman Meffley commented on the soccer program at Chesland Soccer Complex and observing families using the trails at the proposed park at the former Bittersweet Golf Course.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending and recognized the Plumpton Park Zoo owners.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on Breast Cancer Awareness Month and a family member who was recently treated successfully .

Council President Bowsbey had no comments.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 40-2018 Supplemental Appropriation – Grant – Community Services Department

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 in order to provide a total of \$639,720 over three years to the Community Services Fund – Department of Community Services to record the grant award from the Department of Justice, Office for Victims of Crime for the purpose of enhancing community responses to the opioid crisis by serving our youngest crime victims.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on this legislative. There were no Council questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on October 2, 2018; and scheduled for consideration on October 16, 2018.

RESOLUTION NO. 41-2018 Support - Tax Credit – Plumpton Park Zoo

A Resolution to request the Cecil County Delegation to amend the Maryland Annotated Code to allow the Cecil County Council to grant a tax credit to the Plumpton Park Zoo.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, stated that the administration has taken no position on this legislative. He stated that the administration will provide a fiscal note. Vice President Schneckenburger, sponsor, provided comments that this legislation is non-binding but shows support for the delegation to propose legislation to exempt Plumpton Park Zoo for property tax. Council President Bowsbey voiced concern that the property is owned by the estate of Ed Plumpstead, and not the zoo. Council Member discussion ensued.

Introduced, read first time, and posted on October 2, 2018; and scheduled for consideration on October 16, 2018.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 38-2018 Expedited Legislation- Enterprise Zone- North East and Perryville

An Expedited Resolution to expand the existing Cecil County Enterprise Zone to include the North East Commons in North East and Chesapeake Overlook in Perryville.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 38-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y
Motion carried unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

RESOLUTION NO. 39-2018 Appointment—Bainbridge Development Corporation Board of Directors – Martha Barchowsky and David Rudolph.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Martha Barchowsky and David Rudolph to the Bainbridge Development Corporation Board of Directors terms to expire October 31, 2022.

There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 39-2018.

Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y
Motion carried unanimously.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

BILL NO. 2018-15 Amendments – Cecil County Public Ethics Law – Various Additions and Changes

A Bill to amend Cecil County Public Ethics Law to make additions and changes to the definitions, post-employment limitations and restrictions, use of prestige of office, public records, filing deadlines and registration statement as required by the Maryland State Ethics Commission.

The Bill was introduced on August 21, 2018 and public hearing held on September 18, 2018.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments. There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2018-15.

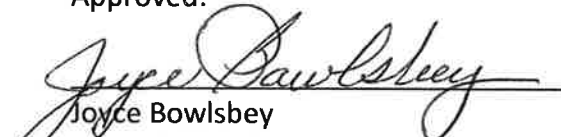
Roll Call Vote: Meffley-Y, Patchell-Y, Gregory- Y, Schneckenburger-Y, Bowsbey-Y
Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilwoman Gregory, seconded by Councilman Meffley, Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled on Tuesday, October 16, 2018 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey
Council President

Attest:


Council Manager