

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 16, 2018**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Bowsbey, Vice President 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 and video 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 Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of October 9, 2018, as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association

Eileen Viars, President of the Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association, provided an overview of her nonprofit agency that serves Chesapeake City and the surrounding communities. She provided a history of the organization and the partnerships established with churches and agencies that help families and children. She described their programs that includes food pantry, clothing and household support, community wellness and emergency funding. Rev. Jack Shitama, a volunteer from Generation Station, explained the program that serves youths in grades six to nine. This program offers a safe place for children after school with homework assistance and programs to support their positive development. He stated that transportation from school to their center and then to home is an essential component of this program. Ms. Viars also stated that CCEA is very interested in finding a new facility and would like to move to the existing Chesapeake City Elementary School after a new school is built. Council questions and comments ensued. Council President Bowsbey suggested that her organization contact the County Executive about their interest in the school building.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Resolution No. 40-2018 Supplementary Appropriation – Grant – Community Services Department, will be considered for approval at tonight’s session. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided a summary of the legislation. There were no Council questions or comments.

Resolution No. 41-2018 Support – Tax Credit – Plumpton Park Zoo, introduced by Vice President Schneckenburger, discussed the legislation as a request for the delegation to consider amending state law. Al Wein, Director of Administration, stated that the administration opposed the legislation because the zoo was not the property owner. Jason Allison, County Attorney, also stated his opposition to this legislation because the property tax exemption goes to the property owner and that the zoo leases the property. Council Members discussed these issues and determined by

consensus that the legislation should be tabled until further clarification the legality of this proposal. Formal actions will be held at tonight's legislative session.

Bill No. 2018-16 Agricultural Preservation District – Losten's Dairy, LP, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Bill No. 2018-17 Agricultural Preservation District – Bare Family Farm, will be considered for final approval at tonight's session. There were no Council questions or comments.

Cecil County Public Schools' budget amendment #55 will be considered for approval at tonight's session. 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 will hold his comments for tonight's session.

Councilman Meffley attended the Sheriff's Office intel meeting. He commented on providing water from the School of Technology to the nearby Farm Museum. He will be attending the Elkton Halloween parade.

Councilwoman Gregory attended the Apple Butter Festival and Arts Council fundraiser.

Vice President Schneckeburger stated that he met with the Governor's Office to discuss volunteer fire service and the need to attract young people. He stated that Jeanne Riccio and Peter Landon were receptive to the creation of a task force to coordinate recruitment efforts.

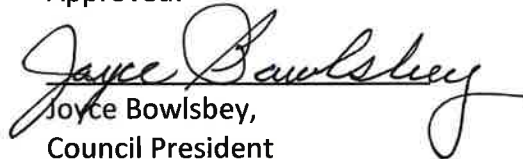
Council President Bowsbey attended the Commission on Aging board meeting, Local Management Board, and Planning Commission, which she reported on their actions.

Adjournment

The Council work session was adjourned by Council President Bowsbey at 9:56 am.

The next Council work session will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at 9 am.

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey,
Council President

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager