

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 13, 2015

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Dan Schneckenburger, and George Patchell; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works; James Massey, Council Manager; Teri Birney, Council Assistant; members of the press; and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 a.m. – President Hodge called the meeting to order.

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

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of December 16, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Special Presentation – John Heldmyer - Inspector of the Year - Maryland Building Officials Association

County Executive Moore presented a certificate of recognition to John Heldmyer in recognition of his statewide achievement.

Presentation – ODEC Wildcat Point Generation Facility

Lisa Webb, Director of Economic Development, introduced Rick McWhorten, Vice President; John Ragoon, Project Consultant, and Jim Massey, Plant Manager from Old Dominion Electric Corporation; and Allen Sexton, Susquehanna Workforce. Mr. McWhorten presented an update of the new Wildcat Point Generation Facility that is being constructed in Cecil County. ODEC will provide flyers to the county regarding job and supplier opportunities. Questions and comments ensued.

Presentation – MARC Northeast Maintenance Facility Update

Kevin Quinn, Sam Minnitte, and Deirdre Smith, representing the Maryland Transit Administration, provided an update of the proposal MARC Northeast Maintenance Facility to be located in Perryville. Questions and comments ensued.

Discussion - Bill No. 2015-01 Vacation Rental Homes

Jason Allison, County Attorney, requested that Bill No. 2015-01 be withdrawn on behalf of the administration.

Discussion - Comments submitted - Res. No. 62-2014 - Master Water and Sewer Plan 2014

The Council reviewed suggested revisions to the Master Water and Sewer Plan 2014.

The Council reached a consensus to support sixteen amendments proposed by Stewart Properties, Town of Elkton, Artesian Resources, and Bracebridge/RCA. The amendment from the Maryland Department of Planning did not have support. Two amendments suggested by the Town of North East were tabled at the request of the administration until after the closed session. Council President Hodge asked Council Manager Massey to work with Mr. Sennstrom to prepare these amendments for final consideration.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reminded Council Members of tonight's County Executive Town Hall meeting and the Cecil County Night in Annapolis. He stated that the Council's FY 2016 budget request and discussion of the rezoning process will be scheduled at the next work session.

Council Member Items

Councilman Schneckenburger commented on an Eagle Scout recognition in Perryville, MACo winter conference, and Cecil County Night in Annapolis.

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented on the MACo winter conference, Eagle Scout Ceremony for ten Scouts, and School of Technology graduation.

Councilman Patchell commented on the Firemans' Association meeting and Parks and Recreation board meeting.

Vice President McCarthy commented on the MACo conference.

President Hodge commented on the MACo conference. He stated that James Moran, President of the Queen Anne's County Board of Commissioners, requested the Council's opinion of staggered terms for local officials. Council Members agreed to sign a letter to encouraging other counties to stagger their terms in order to provide continuity to their boards.

CLOSED SESSION

11:13 AM

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to convene in Closed Session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, 10-508(a)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. The motion was approved unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

11:42 AM

Council President Hodge reconvened the meeting in open session at 11:42 am and asked what was the consensus on the proposed amendments by the Town of North East, which had been tabled. There was a consensus to reject the two amendments.

Council President asked for consensus in supporting his amendment to include public utilities with private utilities as an objective in coordinating water and sewer service for the county's needs. There was a consensus to support his amendments.

ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the Council adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager

