

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
January 20, 2015

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Dan Schneckeburger, and George Patchell; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; Cliff Houston, Zoning Administrator; Steve O'Connor, MALPF Administrator; James Massey, Council Manager; Teri Birney, Council Assistant, Terry Lee Hale, temporary 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.

CLOSED SESSION - January 13, 2015

11:13 a.m.

Present: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Councilwoman Bowsbey, Councilman Schneckeburger, and Councilman Patchell; Mr. Wein, Director of Administration; Mr. Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; Mr. Flanigan, Director of Public Works; Jason Allison, County Attorney; James Massey, Council Manager; and Administrative Assistant Katie Piazza.

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

Mr. Allison provided legal advice regarding the Master Water and Sewer Plan legislation.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council adjourned the closed session at 11:42 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of January 13, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of January 13, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Refunding Bonds of 2015 - Res. No. 04-2015

Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, provided additional information regarding Res. No. 04-2015 Refunding Bonds of 2015. Questions and answers ensued.

Council Departmental Budget FY 2016

James Massey, Council Manager, reviewed a proposed FY 2016 budget request for the Council Department in the amount of \$488,291. Questions and answers ensued.

Council President Hodge requested that Council Members review the proposed budget and scheduled a review of this item at the next Council work session.

Discussion - Review of Rezoning Process

Council President Hodge stated that the Council's first rezoning case is scheduled at tonight's legislative session. He led discussion on the Council's general procedures regarding rezoning cases. Cliff Houston, Zoning Administrator, and James Massey, Council Manager, also commented on the process. Questions and comments ensued.

Review of legislative agenda

The Council reviewed the agenda for the evening legislative session.

During discussion of Res. No. 62-2014 Master Water and Sewer Plan 2014, James Eberhardt, Mayor of Perryville, addressed the Council regarding his opposition to the plan. He stated that the plan is detrimental to the municipalities in their planned service areas and asked for clarification of the "franchise".

Mr. Wein, Director of Administration, requested changes to the proposed Amendment No. 13, which was agreed by consensus.

The Council requested that maps of the plan be available at this evening's legislative session.

Steve O'Connor, MALPF Administrator, requested that the Council approve Bill No. 2014-32 MALPF - Brewer Property prior to approving Res. No. 03-2015 MALPF Application Finalists FY 2015 so that the Brewer Property could be included in the recommended finalists.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reminded Council Members of upcoming events. He also introduced Terry Lee Hale who will be assisting the Council Office temporarily during the budget process.

Council Member Items

Councilman Schneckenburger commented on the presentations to be given by Council Members at the Chamber of Commerce State of the County program. He attended Cecil Night in Annapolis and will be attending the Governor's Inauguration in Annapolis.

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented on Cecil Night in Annapolis and meetings with Senate President Miller and House Speaker Busch

Councilman Patchell commented on attending the orientation by the public library, Cecil Night in Annapolis and his first Parks and Recreation Board.


Vice President McCarthy commented on previously mentioned meetings that he attended. He also requested that Exelon be invited to make a presentation about their proposed study of the Conowingo Dam.

President Hodge commented on Cecil Night in Annapolis and the large number of new, young legislators.

ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the Council adjourned the meeting.

Approved:


Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

