

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
February 10, 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; Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager; Terry Lee Hale, temporary assistant; Katie Piazza, administrative assistant, members of the press; and members of the public.

Absent: James Massey, Council Manager

BOARD OF HEALTH

10:00 A.M.

Stephanie Garrity, Health Officer, provided an brief explanation regarding the state's requirements that the County Executive, County Council and Health Officer sit as the Board of Health at least twice annually. Ms. Garrity then introduced Ken Collins, Special Assistant to the County Executive for Drug Policy, and Mike Massui, Acting Divisions Director of the Addictions Division of the Health Department. Mr. Collins and Mr. Massui gave an update on progress with countywide substance abuse programs in Cecil County. Ms. Garrity introduced David Gipson, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer for Union Hospital, who updated the Council in looking at the need for a short term mental health and substance abuse crisis center. Questions and comments ensued.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

11:00 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

February 3, 2015

10:24 AM

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, 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.

Present: President Hodge, Councilwoman Bowsbey, Councilman Schneckeburger, and Councilman Patchell; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; Jason Allison, County Attorney; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Temporary Clerk; and Katy Piazza, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Allison provided legal advice regarding the Master Water and Sewer Plan and the requests by the Town of North East.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Patchell, the Council adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of February 3, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Closed Session of February 3, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

FY 2015 Budget Projections

Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, and Craig Whiteford, Budget Director, provided information on the FY 2015 Second Quarter Fiscal Projections. Their written report was reviewed by fund sources. Questions and comments ensued.

2015 Midyear Budget Amendment

Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, and Craig Whiteford, Budget Director discussed the reasons that a midyear budget amendment was needed to increase certain accounts that have been identified as underfunded. These included road maintenance, detention center utilities, electric utilities, vehicle repair and telephones. Mr. Robinson indicated that the County can use \$1.1M that it received as a premium for the bond refinancing to fund these items. Council President Hodge requested a detailed schedule of costs. The administration will be bringing this legislation to the Council for introduction on February 17, 2015.

COUNCIL MANAGER REPORT

In Mr. Massey's absence, President Hodge reviewed his written report with Council. They were reminded of upcoming events such as the Hatem Bridge Work Group, scheduled on Thursday, February 26 at 4pm. The Council President asked Council Members to review the suggested schedule for Council budget hearings and be prepared to finalize at the next work session.

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

Councilman Schneckenburger stated that he appreciated the presentation by the Bainbridge Development Corporation and looks forward to partnering with them. He attended the Economic Development Commission and met with Director Lisa Webb about prospects and upcoming events.

Councilwoman Bowsbey stated that a group of pharmacists contacted her about meeting with the Council to discuss their concerns about mail order pharmacies. She attended the Elkton Town Council meeting recently and voiced concern about the public reaction to a proposed recovery house in the Heights neighborhood. She suggested public education to help the community understand the need for these homes in the general community.

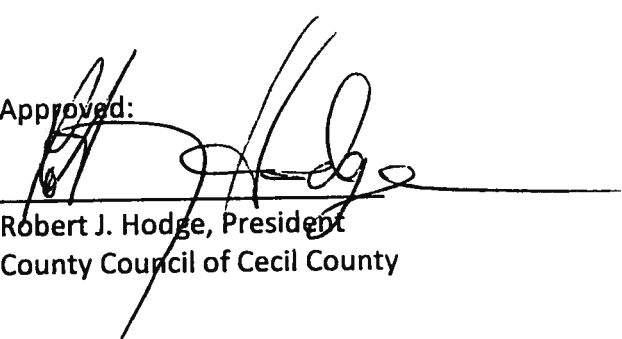
President Hodge announced that the Council would be meeting with the Towns of North East, Perryville and Elkton regarding their concerns about the Master Water and Sewer Plan. The

meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. today in the Perryville Road. He also stated that he was very optimistic about the future of Bainbridge and hopes that the administration will be able to connect their sewer line. He also stated that he was encouraged that Union Hospital was taking the lead in developing plans for a short term detox facility.

ADJOURNMENT

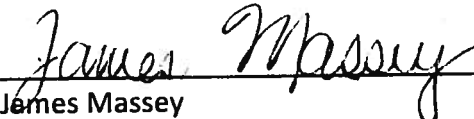
The Council President adjourned the meeting.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager