

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORK SESSION MINUTES  
March 3 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; Lisa Saxton, Deputy Director of Finance; 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.** –President Hodge called the meeting to order.

**NOTE:** Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org).

**CLOSED SESSION**

**February 24, 2015**

**10:55 a.m.**

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Patchell, the Council moved to convene in Closed Session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, 10-508 (a) (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation; and (9) to conduct collective bargaining negotiations or consider matters related to the negotiations. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Present: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Councilwoman Bowsbey, Councilman Schneckeburger, Councilman Patchell; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Cameron Brown, Counsel; James Massey, Council Manager; and Council Assistant Terry Hale.

Cameron Brown, Counsel, and Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided information about a rezoning case and pending litigation. Mr. Allison also provided information about collective bargaining negotiations.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, the Council adjourned the closed session at 11:38 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 February 24, 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 Council closed session of February 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Presentation – Fund Balance**

Mr. Wein, Director of Administration, stated that Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, and Lisa Saxton, Deputy Director of Finance, will present a tutorial on fund balance.

Mr. Robinson provided an explanation of the enterprise fund and the internal service funds, which include the motor vehicle fund and information technology fund. Ms. Saxton discussed the concepts of unrestricted funds, committed fund balance, unassigned fund balance, assigned fund balance. Questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Wein has offered a presentation at the next Council work session regarding the County's cost saving efforts.

### **Presentation - Sassafras River Association**

Representatives of the Sassafras River Association included John Burke, Founding Board Member; Pam Duke, Executive Director; Sophie Foscue; and Emmett Duke, River Keeper. Mr. Burke reviewed the projects completed in Cecil County by the Sassafras River Association. Questions and comments ensued.

### **Presentation - Annexation by Chesapeake City - Resolution No. 14-2015 -**

Mr. Allison reviewed the request by the Town of Chesapeake City for the Council to consent to a zoning change to property, located at Boat Yard Road, which the Town is in the process of annexing. Discussion ensued whether the Council would approve by a letter signed by the Council President or by resolution. The Council determined to take action by Resolution No. 14-2015 by consensus.

### **Presentation - Cecil County Public Schools - Budget Amendment #16**

Tom Kappra, Chief Financial Officer of Cecil County Public Schools, provided additional explanation of the Budget Amendment #16, which includes projections for the rest of the fiscal year. Questions and comments ensued.

### **Approval - Council Budget Hearing Schedule**

The Council budget hearing schedule was reviewed and approved conditionally on the acceptance by the administration.

### **Review of Legislative Agenda**

The Council reviewed the agenda for the evening legislative session.

### **Council Manager Report**

Council Manager Massey reminded Council Members of the meeting with Congressman Harris on Monday, March 9, the Council Water and Sewer Plan meeting to be held on March 10, the next Hatem Bridge Work Group meeting on March 12 and the Route 40 Transportation Vision charette being held on March 16 and March 24.

**Council Member Items**

Councilman Schneckenburger stated that he participated in a conference call with the Maryland Rural Counties Coalition; and that he attended the District 35 reception in Annapolis.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the Local Interagency Coordinating Council Infant and Toddlers Committee.

Councilman Patchell commented that he has spoken to residents of Perryville regarding the need for a sidewalk from Beacon Point to Perryville High School.

Vice President McCarthy attended the MACo Legislative Committee and participated in discussion regarding legislation to provide cameras to the police. He also attended a meeting with Clean Chesapeake Coalition and Exelon regarding Conowingo Dam, and a meeting in Kent Narrows regarding HB 638 regarding oyster restoration.

President Hodge made no comments.

**CLOSED SESSION**

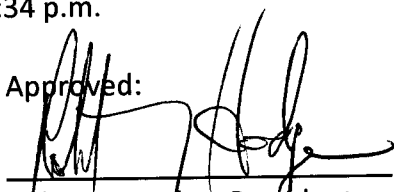
On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to go into Closed Session at 11:00 a.m.

Council Manager Massey stated that pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, State Government 10-508 (a) (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. Council, Counsel, staff and business representative. Motion carried unanimously.

**ADJOURNMENT**

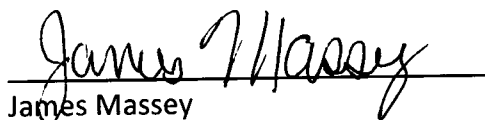
The Council President adjourned the meeting at 12:34 p.m.

Approved:

  
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Robert J. Hodge, President  
County Council of Cecil County

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James Massey  
Council Manager