

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 24, 2015

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowlsbey, Dan Schneckenburger, and George Patchell; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Stephen O'Connor, MALPF Program Administrator; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Administrative 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 Bowlsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of March 17, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Presentation – Drug Enforcement

Sheriff Scott Adams made a presentation regarding drug enforcement and how his agency works with local, state and federal agencies on Cecil County drug crimes. Discussion and questions ensued.

Presentation – Eastern Shore Conservancy

Representatives from the Eastern Shore Conservancy gave a presentation about the conservancy and their efforts to preserve and sustain communities on the Eastern Shore, which includes a portion of Cecil County that is south of the C & D canal. Staff included Josh Hastings, Policy Manager; Katie Parks, Center for Towns Director; and Jared Parks, Land Protection Specialist. They updated the Council on their programs of purchasing and receiving donated land development rights. Discussion and questions ensued.

Presentation – Watershed Stewards Academy

Marshall McSorley, Resource Inspector, Department of Public Works, introduced participants of the Watershed Stewards Academy including Eric Buehl, Mark Dobbins, Chuck Foster, Brian Lightner and Jim Wolford. They explained that this is a pilot program to train volunteers in watershed improvement actions. Mr. McSorley oversees the weekly program, which is affiliated with the University of Maryland Extension Service.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reminded the Council that there will be no work session on March 31. At the next work session on April 7, Judge Keith Baynes, Upper Shore Regional Council and the Upper Shore Senior Housing Agency will be making presentations. An updated budget schedule is included in the Council packet and copies are available to the public.

Council Member Items

Vice President McCarthy commented that he attended Upper Shore Regional Council meeting and met with municipal officials to resolve issues with the County's Water and Sewer Plan.

Councilman Patchell met with Clyde van Dyke, Director of Parks and Recreation, to review department projects. He also met with the Fireman's Association regarding an Eastern Shore sprinkler bill in the legislature.

Councilman Schneckenburger attended an intelligence meeting at the Sheriff's Office. He commented that he will be attending the Army Alliance Luncheon, Rising Sun Town Council meeting, Upper Shore Senior Housing Agency board meeting, and Susquehanna Work Force Network meeting.

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented about a letter received from the EMS Paramedic Union.

President Hodge commented on the bridge project on Route 272 in North East, which will be closed or partially closed during renovation.

ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the Council adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
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Attest:



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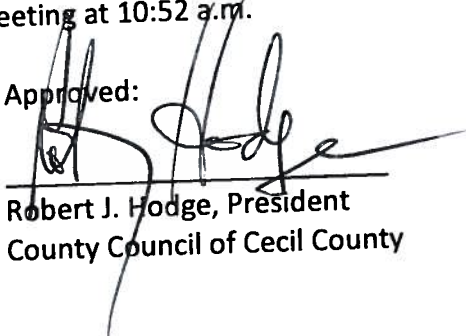
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