

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 5, 2015**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowlsbey, George Patchell and Dan Schneckenburger; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager; 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 at 9:00 a.m.

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 Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of April 28, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

FY 2015 Budget Projections - 3rd Quarter

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Whiteford provided information on the FY 2015 Third Quarter Fiscal Projections. They reviewed their written report with Council members. Questions and comments ensued.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Hodge led a review of tonight's legislative agenda. There were no comments or questions.

Discussion - Council Budget Process

Council President Hodge led a discussion of the budget process. He requested that Council Members gather information to propose any ideas for budget amendments and forward to the Council Manager before May 19 when the Council will have its first budget deliberation. The proposals will be provided to the Finance Department so that they are prepared for discussion.

Mr. Massey stated that Council Members agreed that three minutes per speaker is preferred to provide the opportunity for more individuals to make comments. Speakers will be asked to register beginning at 6:30 pm on May 12.

Mr. Patchell is proposing to finance some small capital projects through bond funding instead of the operating budget. Mr. Robinson and Mr. Whiteford provided comments in their criteria used to determine funding of small capital projects.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reminded Council Members about the Cecil County Job Fair to be held on May 14 and the Maryland Sustainable Growth Commission meeting on May 11.

Council Member Items

Councilman Schneckenburger had no comments.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the Upper Bay Counseling and Support Services Art Exhibit on May 4 at the art center where she presented a proclamation for Mental Health Awareness Month. She will be attending the Singerly Fire Company annual banquet on Saturday and the County Employee Recognition Luncheon on May 28.

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy updated the Council on progress at Pearce Creek to install a new dredge spoils liner and water lines for the residents.

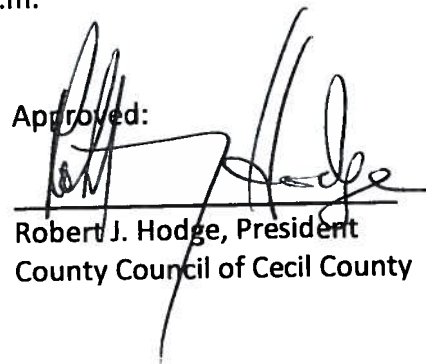
Vice President McCarthy attended the Animal Care and Control Oversight Commission and commented on some of the issues. Mr. Allison stated that the administration will be preparing a statement about the organization. Council President Hodge stated that there are vacancies on the Animal Care and Control Oversight Commission and commented on the purpose of this organization. Councilwoman Bowsbey commented that she has reservations about appointing new members to this commission with the existing contentiousness.

Council President Hodge stated that he will attend the County Employee Recognition Luncheon.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager