

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 19, 2015

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, George Patchell and Dan Schneckenburger; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager; Richard Brooks, Director of Emergency Services; Ted Wallace, Chief of Communications, Emergency Services; Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works; Pete Bieniek, Chief Solid Waste Division; Pete Dotta, Assistant Chief Solid Waste Division; and Ken Newcomb, Assistant Chief Roads Division; Steve Kuhls, Facilities Manager; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; David Black, GIS Coordinator; Donna Nichols, Director of Human Resources; Sheriff Scott Adams, Major Randy Rudy, Major Barry Janney, Sheriff's Office; James Foley and Timothy Boukouris from Harris Corporation; Dr. Christine Valuckas, Vice President of Administrative Services, Cecil College; 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 May 12, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

FY 2016 Budget Deliberation

The Council requested several agencies and departments to attend today's work session in order to respond to questions and provide additional information.

Richard Brooks, Director of Emergency Services, made a presentation about the proposed P-25 platform system. He introduced representatives from Harris Corporation to clarify the reasons for a proposed P-25 communication system.

Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, introduced staff members Pete Bieniek, Pete Dotta and Ken Newcomb to provide additional details about the Landfill and Roads Divisions proposed equipment.

Scott Adams, Cecil County Sheriff, responded to questions about the management structure of the Sheriff's Office. He was accompanied by Major Randy Ruddy and Major Barry Janney.

Dr. Christine Valuckas, Vice President of Administrative Services at Cecil College, provided additional information about vehicles being requested by the college.

Steve Kuhls, Facility Manager, responded to questions about proposed requests by Building Maintenance Department.

Scott Mesneak, Director of Information Technology, provided additional details to his department's proposed request. In addition, Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspection, joined Mr. Mesneak in explaining the request related to software for the department.

Councilman Patchell left at 10:58 a.m.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, and David Black, GIS Coordinator, provided clarifications on the department's proposed software expenses.

Donna Nichols, Director of Human Resources, provided additional information about the county employee health benefit costs.

Review of Legislative Agenda,

Council President Hodge led a review of tonight's legislative agenda. There were no comments or questions. Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided comments on legislation being introduced.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reminded Council Members of the high school senior awards ceremonies, Employee Recognition Luncheon on May 28 and Volunteer Recognition Dinner on June 3.

Council Member Items

Councilman Schneckenburger stated that he will be attending the Memorial Day Service at the North East VFW.

Councilwoman Bowsbey stated that she will have comments at tonight's legislative session. She asked about the effects on the Wynne Case and whether the county has reserved funds in the fund balance to cover this expense. Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, provided details on this issue.

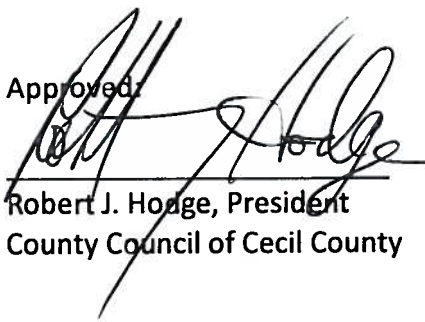
Vice President McCarthy announced that the Republican Club will host Secretary of Planning David Craig on May 21.

Council President Hodge encouraged attendees to have their blood pressure taken in the lobby by county EMT staff.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Approved:


Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

