

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
May 26, 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; Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works; Donna Nichols, Director of Human Resources; Phil Muzak, Engineering and Construction Division Chief; Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager; Ken Collins, Michael Massuli, and Shaellin Jackson from the Health Department; Juan Sobalvarro, Willis Group; 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.

Council President Hodge asked Council Members about extending the work session until 3:00 pm so that the Council could have additional time for budget deliberation. Council Members agreed to his proposal by consensus.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of May 19, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Health Department - Drug Treatment and Re-entry Program at Detention Center

Ken Collins, Special Assistant to the County Executive for Drug Policy; Michael Massuli, Clinical Director; and Shaellin Jackson, Program Director, provided information about the Health Department program provided to the inmates at the Cecil County Detention Center. They described the T4C program that assists inmates with substance abuse.

FY 2016 Budget Deliberation

Council President Hodge led a discussion of proposed budget reductions in the operating and capital budgets.

The Council reviewed the proposed capital programs.

The Council agreed to ask the Public Library administration to meet with the Council after the budget is adopted in order to discuss their proposed North East Library project.

Richard Brooks, Director of Emergency Operations, presented additional information about the P-25 platform project.

The Council reviewed the proposed roads and bridges projects with Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, and Phil Muzak, Chief of Engineering and Construction Division. The Council asked that the administration consider delaying Project 52692 Replacement of Bohemia Church Road culverts (line 15) in the amount of \$255,000, and replace this project with the school's tennis courts project being proposed in the small capital operating budget. The Council agreed to ask the administration to consider shifting the tennis court projects from small capital projects in the operating budget to the capital budget.

Council President Hodge suggested deferral of Project 52213 Lums Road Street Improvements in the amount of \$300,000 (line 16).

The Council agreed to defer the Detention Center and Work Release floors and walls, as proposed by Facilities management (line 19) in the amount of \$140,000.

The Council began a review of the operating budget.

The Council recessed at 11:57 a.m.

The Council was called to order by Council President Hodge at 12:30 p.m.

Donna Nichols, Director of Human Resources, provided introductory remarks about the county employee health plan and introduced Juan Sobalvarro, Financial Client Manager, Human Capital Practice, Willis Group. Mr. Sobalvarro discussed how his firm evaluates the county's health benefits and recommends the rates. He also described how the Affordable Care Act will affect employer health benefits. He discussed how Cecil County Government's plan compares to other employers.

The Council continued a review of the operating budget.

The Council agreed to reduce Building Maintenance-Facilities Maintenance by \$20,000. (lines 61-71).

The Council agreed to eliminate \$20,000 for College- Allocation-capital - replace ceiling tiles in Administrative Service (line 122).

The Council agreed to eliminate \$41,089 for College-Allocation-capital-replace work truck with plow (line 123).

The Council agreed to reduce Information Technology - Professional services - design and setup website by \$20,000 (line 47).

The Council agreed to reduce Board of Election - Training and Education - Election Judges by \$10,000 (line 124).

The Council agreed to reduce Council - Legal services - legal support by \$26,000 (line 125).

The Council agreed to reduce Council - Professional services - consultant by \$15,000 (line 126).

The Council discussed a reduction of \$250,000 from Law Enforcement budget. After discussion, this suggestion was deferred.

The Council agreed to eliminate \$58,400 from Volunteer Fire Department - Miscellaneous - cardiac monitor-AED maintenance.

The Council agreed to reduce DPW/Development Services - professional services by 10% (line 73-77 or 80). This account was previously reduced by 10%, total reduction of 20%.

The Council agreed to meet on Thursday, May 28 at 1:30 p.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building to continue budget deliberation.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey polled Council Members who plan to attend the Volunteer Recognition Dinner. He also reminded Council Members of the high school senior awards ceremonies.

Council Member Items

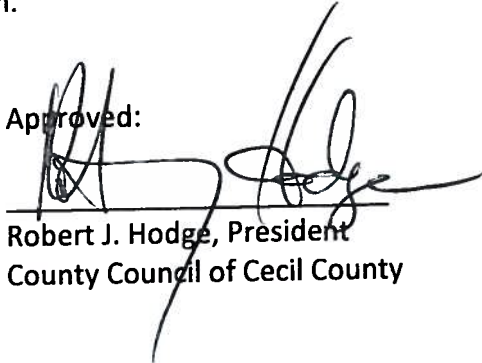
Councilman Schneckenburger, Councilwoman Bowsbey, Councilman Patchell and President Hodge had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy attended the Republican Club meeting where Secretary of Planning, David Craig, spoke. He also attended the Fair Hill Races, ground breaking for Woodland Resort, and the American Legion Memorial Day Service. He commented on the farrel cat with rabies found in Harford County.


ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 2:46 p.m.

Approved:


Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

