

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
June 23, 2015

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, George Patchell and Dan Schneckenburger; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Patrick Conway, Director of the Department of Permits and Inspections; 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. and determined a quorum.

NOTE: Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

CLOSED SESSION

June 16, 2015

9:37 a.m.

On motion by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to convene in closed session, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government 10-508(a)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger - Y, and Hodge - Y. The motion was approved by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Patchell was absent.

Mr. Allison provided a history and legal background on Indian Acres campground and CECO.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council adjourned the closed session at 10:54 a.m.

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 June 16, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the closed session of June 16, 2015. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Patchell abstained.

Plumbing and Building Codes

Mr. Conway reviewed a draft of a bill to update Cecil County's building code, which is required by the State. He explained details regarding the requirement for sprinklers and that his department has advised builders of the upcoming changes. Mr. Allison stated that the

effective dates of these Bills will be the date that the legislation becomes law. Mr. Conway also reviewed the updates in the plumbing code. Questions and discussion ensued.

Citizens Corner

Councilwoman Bowsbey stated that she welcomed public comment during Citizens Corner but has noticed sparse participation in the last few months. She suggested that the Council consider possible alternatives. The Council agreed by consensus to schedule Citizens Corner at the legislative sessions on the first Tuesday of July and August, and cancel Citizens Corner on the third Tuesday of July and August. The Council agreed that this schedule will be reevaluated at the end of August.

Presentation - Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy

Doris Mason, Executive Director, Upper Shore Regional Council, made a presentation about plans for a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy. Ms. Mason hopes to apply for a grant from the Economic Development Administration on behalf of the upper shore counties, which will address special needs such as work force and transportation, high-speed broadband, small business and agri-business development, and youth retention and aging out dilemma. A planning meeting is scheduled on September 24 at Donaldson Brown Center to create a strategy committee.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reminded Council Members of the MACo symposium Chesapeake Checkpoint, luncheon with Secretary Michael Gill, and the downtown Elkton visit by Comptroller Franchot.

Council Member Items

Councilman Schneckenburger attended the Susquehanna Workforce training and Cecil County Wade-In. He will be attending the MACo dinner, luncheon with Secretary Gill, Aberdeen Proving Ground Land Use Study, Change Maryland event, and upcoming Cecil Business Leaders event with Governor Hogan. He expressed his concern for Governor Hogan's health conditions.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended Les Miserables at the Milburn Stone Theater. She commented on meeting Ken Holt, Secretary of Housing and Community Development, and plans to work with him on a project. Ms. Bowsbey also plans to attend meetings mentioned by Councilman Schneckenburger.

Councilman Patchell commented on a meeting with Lisa Webb, Director of Economic Development and plans to attend the luncheon with Secretary Gill.

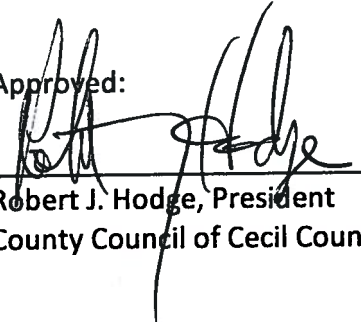
Vice President McCarthy attended the Cecil County Republican Club where the Cecil County Delegation members briefed the audience on this year's legislative session.

Council President Hodge commented about the Aberdeen Proving Ground Joint Land Use Study and hopes to attend the meeting on June 25 at 6pm at Cecil College.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 10:09 a.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager

