

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY**  
**WORK SESSION MINUTES**  
**July 7, 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; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works; Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspections; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager; Steve O'Connell, Land Preservation Administrator; Tom Kappra, Chief Financial Officer, Cecil County Public Schools; Dr. Christine Valuckas, Vice President of Administrative Services; 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**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 June 23, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**Letters of Support - Town of Port Deposit - Grant Applications**

Council President Hodge stated that the Town of Port Deposit has requested letters of support for four grant applications. Mr. Massey stated that the Town is applying for grants from the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development for Community Legacy. These projects include the Tome Gas House restoration, Main Street parking improvements, Habitat for Humanity Susquehanna project, and Facade Program.

The Council agreed to approve these letters of support by consensus.

**Review of Legislative Agenda**

Council President Hodge led a review of the legislative agenda.

Mr. Sennstrom provided information about the public hearing for Rezoning Case 2015-03 Charlestown Crossing LLC and Charlestown Crossing Apartments LLC. Questions and discussion ensued.

Mr. O'Connor summarized Bill No. 2015-11 Approval - Agricultural Preservation District - Flying Plow Farm. The public hearing on this bill is also scheduled tonight.

Mr. Sennstrom provided information about Bill No. 2015-12 Amendment - Subdivision Regulations - Appeal, Preliminary Plat and Concept Plat, which will be introduced tonight.

Mr. Conway provided information on Bill No. 2015-13 Amendment - Building Code and Bill No. 2015-14 Amendment - Plumbing Code, which will be introduced tonight. Questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Robinson presented information about Bill No. 2015-15 Supplemental Appropriation - Board of Education - Capital Project - BTOP, which will be introduced tonight. He requested that the public hearing be rescheduled to July 21, 2015 in order to expedite the legislation. The Council agreed by consensus to schedule the public hearing on Bill No. 2015-15 to July 21 and consideration to August 4, 2015.

Mr. Robinson also requested that the Council change their procedure of scheduling public hearings from four weeks after introduction to two weeks. Mr. Massey explained that scheduling the public hearing two weeks after the introduction would not allow sufficient time to publish the legal notice in two consecutive weeks, as required by Charter. Council President Hodge asked that this item be included at the Council's next work session.

Mr. Flanigan provided information about Bill No. 2015-16 Budget Transfer - Wastewater Capital improvement Program - Construct Highlands Interceptor Sewer Program, which will be introduced tonight. He had requested that the public hearing for this bill be expedited so that the public hearing could be scheduled on July 21, 2015 and consideration on August 4, 2015, because of the current wastewater issues. The Council President had approved this expediting for this bill.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Whiteford provided information about Bill No. 2015-17 Budget Transfer - General Fund Capital Improvement Program - Courthouse Roof Replacement Project, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Kappra provided information about Resolution No. 35-2015 Budget Amendment - Board of Education Small Capital Budget - Holly Hall Elementary School - Geothermal Systemic Repair, which will be introduced tonight. Questions and comments ensued.

Dr. Valuckas provided information about Resolution No. 36-2015 Budget Amendment - Cecil College - Campus Master Plan, which will be introduced tonight. Questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Whiteford provided information about Resolution No. 37-2015 Budget Amendment - Grant Funds - Sheriff's Office - Medication Assisted Treatment/Reenter - Vivitrol, which will be introduced tonight.

Mr. Whiteford provided information about Resolution No. 38-2015 Budget Amendment - Grant Funds - Health Department - Drug Free Communities Coalition, which will be introduced tonight.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Whiteford provided information about Resolution No. 39-2015 Budget Amendment - Special Revenue - Other Grants, which will be introduced tonight.

There were no questions regarding Resolution No. 33-2015 Junk Dealers and Scrap Metal Processors - Designated Authority - Maryland State Police and Resolution No. 34-2015 Appointment - Economic Development Commission, which will be considered for approval at tonight's session.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**10:14 A.M.**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, the Council moved to convene in Closed Session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, 10-508(a)(7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter.

**OPEN SESSION**

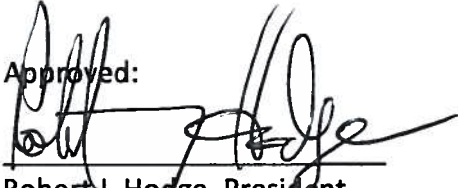
**10:28 A.M.**

Council President Hodge reconvened the meeting in open session at 10:27 a.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 10:28 a.m.

Approved:

  
Robert J. Hodge, President  
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:

  
James Massey  
Council Manager

