

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 18, 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; Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspections; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; Earl Bradford, Chief Alcoholic Inspector, Liquor Control Board; 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.

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 August 4, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

State Legislative Initiative - Microbreweries

Mr. Bradford, representing the Cecil County Liquor Board, explained their request to amend state law to permit microbrewers in Cecil County. He explained the difference between a microbrewery and pub brewery, which is already permitted in Cecil County. Questions and comments ensued.

Amendment to Resolution No. 42-2015 Final Reading of Bills

Councilman Patchell requested an amendment to Resolution No. 42-2015 to provide that the final vote on legislation could be delayed at the request of one Council Member. Council President Hodge suggested that at least two Council Members should be required to delay the final vote.

After discussion, Council President Hodge polled Council Members and determined that the majority preferred the amendment should require at least two Council Members to delay the final vote.

The Council also discussed that the delay of the vote to the next legislative session by the minority could only be permitted one time. Any other delay of the vote must be approved by a majority of Council Members.

An amendment will be drafted and provided at tonight's public hearing on this resolution.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Hodge led a review of the legislative agenda.

Mr. Wein summarized Resolution No. 46-2015 Supplemental Appropriation - Grant - Economic Development - US Department of Agriculture. Questions and comments ensued.

Mr. Wein offered to provide a report on the expenses and revenue from the Bassmasters event at a later date.

Mr. Conway provided information about Bill No. 2015-13 Amendment - Building Code. Questions and comments ensued.

COUNCIL MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Massey announced that Chesapeake City will hold a 9-11 Prayer Service on September 11. He also stated that Derrick Lowe, Clerk of the Court, had provided a possible state legislative initiative regarding Cecil County's requirement in applying for a marriage license.

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

Councilman Schneckenburger attended the MACo conference and commented on his discussion with eight cabinet members. He also stated that there was some support to amend the state's building code requirements for BAT septic systems and sprinklers.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the MACo conference and commented on the positive, upbeat mood of the conference. She attended the Bassmasters event on Sunday; and provided a summary of the Planning Commission's topics.

Vice President McCarthy attended the MACo conference and commented on the pro-business support of the administration.

Council President Hodge attended the MACo conference and commented on the very positive mood of the conference. He also attended the Bassmasters event on Sunday and praised the world-class event, attendees and work done by Sandy Turner, Tourism Director, and the many volunteers.

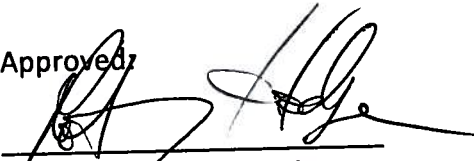
ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 9:52 a.m. The next Council work session is scheduled on Tuesday, September 25, 2015 at 9 a.m. in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County