

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 13, 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; Clyde Van Dyke, Director of Parks and Recreation; Dave Hollenbaugh, Deputy Director of Public Works; Phil Muzak, Chief, Engineering and Construction; Jeff Coale, Chief, Solid Waste; Kevin Yezdimer, Project Manager; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; members of the press; and members of the public.
Guests: Joe DiNunzio, Executive Vice President, Artesian Water; and Kevin Thomas, Jimmy Hans Wild Foundation.

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

October 6, 2015

10:58 a.m.

On motion by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to convene in closed session, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government 10-508(a) (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal of a business or organization to locate, expand, or remain in the State. The motion was approved unanimously.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey-Y, Patchell - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, and Hodge - Y. The motion was carried by unanimous vote.

Present: Council Members: Vice President McCarthy, Councilwoman Bowsbey, Councilman Schneckenburger, and President Hodge; Tari Moore, County Executive; Lisa Webb, Director of Economic Development; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; business representatives Marc Ottinger, Kip White, Bill Huber, Jason Weiss, Tome Lupica, Tom Silcott, Mike Simmons, and Chris Streett.

Council President Hodge recused himself because of a possible conflict of interest and left the chamber at 11:05.

Mr. Ottinger and his associates discussed his proposed business to be located in Cecil County. No action was taken.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to adjourn the closed session at 10:58 a.m. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Council President Hodge was absent.

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 October 6, 2015. Motion was carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of October 6, 2015. Motion was carried unanimously.

Artesian Water Update

Joe DiNunzio, Executive Vice President of Artesian Water, described his company's current services in Cecil County. Artesian has taken steps to remove a higher level of manganese at Harborview. He described State Highway Administration projects that will require relocation of Rock Run Bridge and on Main Street in Port Deposit. Artesian is anticipating possible expansion at Bainbridge, Meadowview and Principio. Although there are currently no new demands in the Route 40 corridor, between Elkton and North East, Artesian is prepared when the demand occurs. Mr. DiNunzio stated that Artesian's long range goal is to interconnect the systems for more efficiency.

Jimmy Hans Wild Foundation

Kevin Thomas, representing the Jimmy Hans Wild Foundation, presented a check in the amount of \$20,000 for the Calvert Regional Park. The foundation raises funds in memory of a local young man who was killed in an accident. Clyde Van Dyke, Director of Parks and Recreation, accepted the donation on behalf of the County.

Elkton West

Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, gave a briefing on the Elkton West Sewer. Mr. Flanigan was accompanied by his staff including: Jeff Coale, Phil Muzak, Kevin Yestimer and Dave Hollenbaugh. He provided a background of the County's waste water capital improvement projects and the economic development reasons for addressing Elkton West along Route 40. Three alternatives had been proposed before DPW finalized their proposal to convey sewage to their facility at Seneca Point in two phases.

Mr. Flanigan asked that the Council and administration for further consideration of this plan.

Letter of Support - Medical Cannabis

Council President Hodge announced that he was recusing himself from this discussion and called for Vice President McCarthy to chair this discussion.

The Council discussed a generic letter addressed to the Medical Cannabis Commission, which

supports growing, processing and dispensing medical cannabis because of the economic impact to the County. Comments and questions ensued.

The Council discussed the value of jointly sending a letter of support from the Council and Executive.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, stated that the County Executive determined that the administration will not send any letters of support.

By consensus, the Council directed the Council Manager to work with the administration for a joint letter of support.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey reminded the Council of tonight's meeting regarding Stemmers Run boat ramp and Thursday's State of the County presentations at the Republican Club of Cecil County. He also stated that the Harvest Dinner will be held on October 21. Council President Hodge stated that the Fair Hill International will be held this weekend.

Council Member Items

Vice President McCarthy attended the Clean Chesapeake Coalition and commented about a presentation by Harbor Rock about using dredged sediments for building materials.

Councilman Schneckenburger will be attending the Republican Club's State of the County and Fair Hill International. He thanks Joe DiNunzio for today's presentation.

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

CLOSED SESSION

10:52 A.M.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, Section 10-508(a) (4) to consider a matter that concerns the proposal for a business or industrial organization to locate, expand or remain in the State. The motion was carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y.

OPEN SESSION

11:59 A.M.

Vice President McCarthy, presiding chair, reconvened the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Adjournment

Vice President McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.

Attest:

James Massey
James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:

Robert J. Hodge
Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County