

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 25, 2015

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Dan Schneckeburger and George Patchell; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; 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.

Council President Hodge announced the Vice President McCarthy asked to be excused in order to attend the pre-bid meeting of the Request for Proposal for Animal Care and Control Authority.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of August 18, 2015. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President McCarthy was absent.

Thank a Hero Project 9/11

Krista Gilmore, Senior Services, provided information on the Thank a Hero Project 9-11 to be held outside the Elk Room on September 11.

Citizens Corner Scheduling

The Council agreed by consensus to continue Citizens Corner at 6:00 P.M., prior to every legislative session beginning in September. They will reevaluate the schedule prior to next summer.

Discussion - Resolution No. 42-2015 Amendment - Policies and Procedures of the Cecil County Council - Final Reading of Bills

Council members discussed opposition to the proposed resolution. By consensus, the Council agreed to let Resolution No. 42-2015 die.

The Council Manager was asked to draft new legislation to propose that the legislative sponsor can request a bill or resolution to be "expedited". The sponsor must provide a reason that illustrates the benefit to the County. The Council must approve legislation for "expediting" by a supermajority or at least four votes at the time that the legislation is introduced. Expedited legislation will be considered for final reading at the same legislative session that the public hearing is concluded. A majority of Council Members may vote to delay an expedited bill for any reason.

Discussion - 2016 Council Calendar

Council reviewed a proposed 2016 Council calendar, which included the work session, legislative session and budget hearings for the year. By consensus, the Council agreed to schedule work sessions during November 2016, and to reschedule budget hearings to Thursday evenings and some Tuesday afternoons when no legislative session is scheduled. The 2016 calendar will be revised for review.

COUNCIL MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Massey reminded Council Members of the stormwater management ribbon cutting, the Baron Road bridge ribbon cutting, College scholarship breakfast, the public library's national medal celebration and ribbon cutting for the Ben Cardin recreational trail in Chesapeake City.

Vice President McCarthy arrived at 9:50 a.m.

Council Member Items

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

Councilman Schneckenburger commented on his ride along with the Cecil County Sheriff's Office patrol.

Vice President McCarthy reported on attending the pre-bid meeting for the Animal Care and Control Authority.

CLOSED SESSION

10:00 A.M.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to convene a closed session pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, 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; and (7) to consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter. The motion was approved unanimously.

Representatives from a business discussed the possibility of moving into Cecil County. Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to recess the Closed Session meeting at 11:25 a.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

President Hodge announced that the Closed Session will be reconvened in the Rising Sun Room.

On motion by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to reconvene the Closed Session at 11:42 a.m. in the Rising Sun Room. The motion was unanimously approved.

The Council received legal advice on zoning issues regarding the proposed business.

On motion by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, the Council moved to conclude the Closed Session at 12:50 p.m.

Adjournment

Council President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 12:51 p.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager

