

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
October 20, 2015

PRESENT: Council Members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, George Patchell and Dan Schneckenburger; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager; Pete Bieniek, Solid Waste Chief; Tanya Adams, Recycling Manager; 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

October 13, 2015

10.58 a.m.

On motion by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, 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, Patchell - Y and Hodge - Y. The motion was carried unanimously.

Present: Council Members: Vice President McCarthy, Councilwoman Bowsbey, Councilman Schneckenburger, Councilman Patchell and President Hodge; Stephanie Garrity, Health Officer; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant, Josh Stanley, John Vavalo, and Dr. Jeffrey Lombardo.

Council President Hodge recused himself from the closed session because of a possible conflict of interest. He asked Vice President McCarthy to preside.

Council President Hodge left the chamber at 10:59 a.m.

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

Vice President McCarthy adjourned the closed session by general consensus at 11:59 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilman Schneckenburger, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of October 13, 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 13, 2015. Motion was carried unanimously.

Scheduling - Council Work Session of October 27

The Council discussed cancelling or rescheduling the Council work session of October 27 because of a schedule conflict with Secretary Gill's economic development round table. After determining that there were no pressing issues, the Council agreed by consensus to cancel the Council work session on October 27 so that Council Members may attend the meeting to be held at Hollywood Casino with Secretary Gill. The Council President requested that proper notice of this cancellation be given to the public.

Approval - Letter of Support - Medical Cannabis

Council President Hodge stated that the County Executive requested that the Council postpone consideration of the letter of support for medical cannabis so that she could have more time to consider her support. The Council agreed by consensus to postpone approval of the letter of support in hopes that the Executive will support. This topic will be tabled until the November 3, 2015 work session agenda.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Mr. Whiteford provided comments on Bill No. 2015-26 Budget Amendment - Capital Budget - Calvert Regional Park - Jimmy Hans Wild Foundation, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no questions from Council Members.

Mr. Whiteford provided comments on Resolution No. 56-2015 Budget Amendment - Grants - Emergency Services - Hazard Mitigation Program, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Comments and questions ensued.

Council Members asked the administration to clarify how the properties are selected and whether these properties are razed or raised.

Mr. Whiteford provided comments on Resolution No. 57-2015 Budget Amendment - Grant - Sheriff's Office - Homeland Security, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Comments and questions ensued.

Mr. Bieniek provided comments on Resolution No. 58-2015 Approval - Solid Waste Management Plan 2016-2025, which will be introduced at tonight's session. Comments and questions ensued.

Mr. Wein provided comments on Resolution No. 59-2015 Appointment - Electrical Examiners Board - James Dacey, Richard M. Lebrun, Jr., and Donald Hicks, which will be introduced at tonight's session. There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

The Council reviewed Resolutions for consideration at tonight's meeting, including Resolution No. 49-2015 Amendment - Policies and Procedures of the Cecil County Council - Expedited Legislation; Resolution No. 53-2015 Appointment - Economic Development Commission -

Michael Lara; and Resolution No. 55-2015 Appointment - Department of Social Services Board - Randy Bailey and Natalie Gentry. There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

The Council reviewed Bill No. 2015-19 Amendment - Parks and Recreation - Park Rules and Regulations, which will be considered for final reading at tonight's meeting, There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

The Council also noted the Henry L. Ray rezoning case and school budget amendment on tonight's agenda without comments.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey reminded the Council of the Harvest Dinner, Environmental Site Design Program at Conowingo Elementary School, Soup Cook-off, Business Hall of Fame, Cecil College Falling Leaves Festival, and Vampires vs. Witches library foundation fundraiser. He also stated that the Town of Chesapeake City will hold a New Year's Day Run/Walk.

Council Member Items

Councilman Patchell and Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

Councilman Schneckenburger will be attending the program at Conowingo Elementary School, Harvest Dinner, Soup-Cook-off, and Business Hall of Fame event.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the Planning Commission and reviewed their actions. She also hosted Delegate Teresa Reilly for a day. She will be attending the Soup Cook-off.

President Hodge commented about attending the Fair Hill International and the many out of County visitors who attend.

CLOSED SESSION

9:36 A.M.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, 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

10:11 A.M.

The presiding chair, Vice President McCarthy, reconvened the meeting at 10:11 a.m.

Adjournment

Vice President McCarthy adjourned the meeting at 10:12 a.m.

Attest:

James Massey
James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:

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