

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 1, 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; Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; members of the press; and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

10:00 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

November 17, 2015

10:09 a.m.

On motion by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to convene in closed session, pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government 10-508(a) (14) before a contract is awarded or bids are opened, discuss a matter directly related to a negotiating strategy or the contents of a bid or proposal, if public discussion or disclosure would adversely impact the ability of the public body to participate in the competitive bidding or proposal process.

The motion was approved unanimously.

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

Present: Council Members: Vice President McCarthy, Councilwoman Bowsbey, Councilman Schneckenburger, Councilman Patchell and President Hodge; Tari Moore, County Executive; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant.

The administration discussed the responses to the Animal Care and Control RFP and possible options for a county-owned facility. The administration will extend the contract award time period for the RFP. The administration has reached an agreement with A Buddy for Life to temporarily extend the animal control contract while they continue in the due diligence process related to acquisition of a county-owned facility. There were no decisions made by the Council.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to adjourn the closed session at 11:03 a.m. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

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 November 17, 2015. Motion was carried unanimously.

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council closed session of November 17, 2015. Motion was carried unanimously.

Cecil County Help Center

Gerry Crocket from the Department of Social Services made a presentation about the Cecil County Help Center. The Help Center is a nonprofit organization that is staffed by two full time employees and many volunteers. The Help Center provides food and clothing from local stores and donations. Last year, the center provided over 165,000 services including holiday baskets and back to school program. Most of the food comes from Maryland Food Bank, which recently began charging a delivery fee of \$300. Donations and grants are being solicited to cover the cost of the delivery. Ms. Crocket estimates that the Help Center serves between 300 and 400 families regularly. The Help Center can also direct families to other services of the Department of Social Services.

Council President Hodge suspended the rules in order to take up business out of order to accommodate representatives from the State's Attorney's Office and Solid Waste Division.

State's Attorney Ellis Rollins spoke in support of Resolution No. 63-2015 Supplemental Appropriation - Grant - State's Attorney's Office - Victim Witness Coordinator. Steven Trostle, Assistant State's Attorney, also made comments about the need for the victim witness coordinator on a full-time basis for District Court.

Council President Hodge commented that Resolution No. 63-2015 should have been separated between the grant funding approval and county fund balance approval. Jason Allison, County Attorney, commented on his discussion with the State's Attorney on whether the State's Attorney has the authority to hire a position without Council approval. Mr. Allison will provide these documents to Council Members for their review.

Council President Hodge suspended the rules in order to allow Pete Bieniek, Solid Waste Division Chief, to speak in support of Resolution No. 58-2015 Solid Waste Management Plan 2016-2025.

Mr. Bieniek offered to answer any questions from Council Members. The Council had previously requested that "Bainbridge" be removed from the plan. Mr. Bieniek asked that the

Council adopt the plan as presented so the plan can be submitted to the State. The reference to "Bainbridge" can be removed after the plan has been submitted.

President Hodge returned to the agenda.

Financial Projections - First Quarter

Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, and Craig Whiteford, Budget Director, presented their report on the FY 2016 First Quarter Fiscal Projections. They showed a comparison between the first quarter projections and budgeted amounts of revenue and expenditures in the general fund and enterprise funds. They also provided a comparison between FY 2016 actual figures and FY 2015 for the same period of time. They reviewed significant assumptions for their projections. They also provided the income tax receipts as of September 30, 2015 and Hollywood Casino revenue. They expressed some concern over health care costs because of an unanticipated higher number of claims.

Council comments and questions ensued.

Mr. Robinson and Mr. Whiteford agreed to present the Second Quarter Financial Projections to the Council by the end of January 2016.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Hodge led the Council in a review of the legislative agenda.

There were no comments on the public hearing on rezoning case 2015-08 Complete Recycling Group LLC.

Discussion and comments on Resolution No. 63-2015 Supplemental Appropriation - Grant - State's Attorney's Office - Victim Witness Coordinator, which will be introduced, were made earlier in the agenda.

There were no comments or questions on Resolution No. 64-2015 Appointment - Parks and Recreation Board, which will be introduced at tonight's meeting.

Discussion and comments on Resolution No. 58-2015 Solid Waste Management Plan 2016-2025, which will be considered for approval, were made earlier in the agenda.

There were no comments on or questions on Resolution No. 61-2015 Appointment - Commission on Aging, which will be considered for approval.

There were no comments or questions on Bill No. 2015-26 Budget amendment - Capital Budget - Calvert Regional Park - Jimmy Hans Wild Foundation, which will be considered for approval.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey commented on updated copies of the Charter and Council Policies and Procedures, judging for the North East Christmas Parade, Bassmasters volunteer and sponsor

event, Chesapeake City New Year's Day Run/Walk, Dr. Ken Lewis retirement, and Cecil County Night in Annapolis.

Council Member Items

Councilman Schneckeburger hoped that everyone had a nice Thanksgiving holiday and will have more comments at tonight's session.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) preliminary meeting and commented that the group is applying for a nonprofit organization status. She was asked to serve on their board.

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy attended the Human Rope to stop Dope event to raise awareness of recovering addictions, which was well attended.

Council President Hodge had no comments.

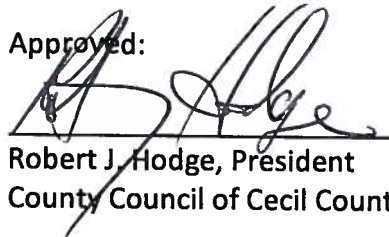
Adjournment

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County