

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
July 14, 2015**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, and Dan Schneckenburger; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager; Perry Willis, Executive Director, Cecil County Public Schools; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; members of the press; and members of the public.

ABSENT: Councilman Patchell

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

July 7, 2015

10:14 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. 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; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; James Massey, Council Manager; and Terry Hale, Administrative Assistant.

Mr. Allison discussed the rezoning appeal process and the role of Council Members.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council adjourned the closed session at 10:27 a.m.

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 July 7, 2015. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Patchell was absent.

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 July 7, 2015. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Patchell was absent.

Holly Hall Elementary School - Geothermal Systemic Repair Project

Mr. Willis, Executive Director, Cecil County Public Schools, provided information on the proposed project to repair the system at Holly Hall Elementary School. He explained the history of the school's system and the reasons that the repair project is needed. Questions and discussion ensued.

Council Procedure - Scheduling Public Hearings

Mr. Massey explained the current procedure of scheduling public hearings, based on the Charter's requirement for legal notice. He discussed the deadline of submission to the newspaper and the need to have sufficient time between submission and approval of the notice. Questions and discussion ensued.

The Council agreed by consensus to continue to allow four weeks between the introduction of legislation and the public hearing so that legal notices can be submitted to the Cecil Whig for publication on two consecutive Wednesdays.

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to amend their scheduling in order to vote on bills at the same session as the public hearing is concluded; unless there is a motion to lay over the bill to the next session. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilman Patchell was absent.

Council President Hodge asked Mr. Massey to draft a resolution to amend the Council Policies and Procedures to reflect this change in procedure.

Council Manager Report

Mr. Massey reminded Council Members of the Open House to celebrate the first anniversary of the Regional Additive Manufacturing Partnership of Maryland on Wednesday, July 15 at 8 a.m. at The Groundfloor in Havre de Grace.

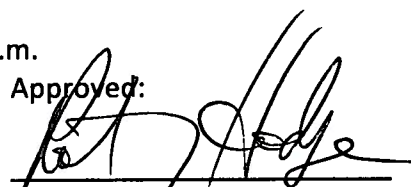
Council Member Items

Councilwoman Bowsbey, Councilman Schneckenburger and Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

President Hodge reminded the Council that the Cecil County Fair will be held from July 24 to August 1; and encouraged attendance and support for the 4H auction.

Adjournment

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

Approved:

Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager