

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY**  
**LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**LSD 2016-03**  
**February 2, 2016**

The County Council of Cecil County met in legislative session at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elk Room, Elkton, MD. The following members of the Council were present:

Robert Hodge, Council President  
Dr. Alan McCarthy, Vice President  
Joyce Bowlsbey, Council Member  
Dan Schneckenburger, Council Member  
George Patchell, Council Member

**NOTE:** Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website [www.ccgov.org](http://www.ccgov.org).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of February 2, 2016 was called to order by President Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

President Hodge led the Council in a moment of silence.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of February 2, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2016-01 Amendment - Zoning Code - Saw Mills**

An Act to amend the Zoning Ordinance, Article V, Part XII Industrial Uses, Section 144 - Sawmills to eliminate the three year limitation on Special Exception for Sawmills.

The Bill was introduced on January 5, 2016, advertised on January 20, 2016 and January 27, 2016, and scheduled for public hearing on February 2, 2016.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided a summary of this legislation and stated that the Planning Commission has approved of this change.

Council comments and questions ensued.

Council President Hodge opened the public hearing for public comments.  
Charles Birney, Elkton, commented in opposition of the legislation.

Council President Hodge concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2016-01 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on February 16, 2016.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the legislative session minutes of January 19, 2016 as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

#### **PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Schneckenburger attended the Cecil County Young Farmers Breakfast and will be attending the Economic Development Commission. He commented on tomorrow's deadline for candidate filing.

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

Council President Hodge welcomed the audience at tonight's session.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 04-2016 Budget Transfer - Fund Balance - Snow Removal**

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in order to provide the Road's Maintenance Department's budget within the General Fund expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$325,000 to be expended for County snow removal.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory remarks about the Resolution.

Council questions and comments ensued. Vice President McCarthy asked the administration to provide the hourly rate paid to private contractors for snow removal.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on February 2, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on February 16, 2016.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 71-2015 Roads - Truck Restrictions - Stevenson Road**

A Resolution approving the implementation of a 35-ton Gross Vehicle Weight Rating limit on a portion of Stevenson Road.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on December 15, 2015; advertised for public hearing on January 6, 2016 and January 13, 2016; and the public hearing was held and concluded on January 19, 2016.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**AMENDMENT NO. 1  
RESOLUTION NO. 71-2015**

Introduced by the Council President at the request of the County Executive

On page 2, lines 10-11, delete "a northerly direction" and insert "both directions"

On page 2, line 20, delete "north".

Al Wein, Director of Administration, commented on the Resolution and Amendment No. 1.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 71-2015.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was unanimously approved.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 71-2015 as amended.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 03-2016 : Rural Legacy Program - Prioritization**

A Resolution to approve the ranking of applications of two Rural Legacy Areas for submission to the Department of Natural Resources. Fair Hill Rural Legacy Area will be first and the Sassafras Rural Legacy Area will be second.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on January 19, 2016.

Council comments and questions ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 03-2016.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was unanimously approved.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 16, 2016 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:

James Massey  
James Massey, Council Manager

Approved:

Robert Hodge  
Robert Hodge  
President