

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2016-05  
March 1, 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 Bowsbey, 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 March 1, 2016 was called to order by President Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Councilman Schneckenburger introduced Pastor Ron Silverman of Fellowship Baptist Church in Elkton who delivered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of March 1, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative session minutes of February 16, 2016 as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on the loss of C & S Warehouse and the cost of the proposed animal shelter.

**PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

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

Councilman Schneckenburger commented on the loss of C & S Wholesale Warehouse and the response from Economic Development Department in analyzing the situation.

Council President Hodge announced that the Council will nominate Kennard Wiggins, Bruce England, Robert Amato, Frank Williams III, and Jay Williams to the Compensation Review Commission.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 09-2016 Appointment—Weed Control Advisory Committee**

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Monty Johnson, Anthony Calao, William Ewing, Dave Hollenbaugh, Charles Robinson, Peter Rupp, Mike Scheeler, Mark Smith and Dan Webber to the Cecil County Weed Control Advisory Committee for a one (1) year term, to expire March 15, 2017.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory remarks about the Resolution. Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on March 1, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on March 15, 2016.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 10-2016 Re-designation - Arts and Entertainment District and Tax Incentives - Town of Elkton**

A Resolution to support the application of the Town of Elkton to the Maryland Department of Commerce, formerly known as Department of Business and Economic Development, to re-designate the Town's Arts and Entertainment District and certain incentives affecting qualifying residing artists and the owners of qualified real property within the District.

Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided introductory remarks about the Resolution.

Council Members commented on the success of the events and audience attendance for the Arts.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on March 1, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on March 15, 2016.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 05-2016 Supplemental Appropriation - Grant Funds - Emergency Services**

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 a total of \$1,843 to the Special Revenue – Other Grants Fund budget to fund the Local Government Insurance Trust Grant (LGIT) awarded to the Cecil County Department of Emergency Services.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 16, 2016.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 05-2016.

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. 06-2016 Appointment—Animal Care and Control Advisory Board**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of S. Lee Lewis, recommended by the County Executive; and of Arnold Fox, recommended by the County Council, to the Cecil County Animal Care and Control Advisory Board, to serve a two-year term, term to expire on March 1, 2018.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 16, 2016.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 06-2016.

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. 07-2016 Appointment Recommendation- Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board**

A Resolution to recommend candidates for appointment by the Governor of Maryland to the Cecil County Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board. The recommended candidates in priority order are Steven F. Pearson, Frank Muller and Suzan Doordan.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 16, 2016.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 07-2016.

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. 08-2016 Tax Credit – North East Fire Company - Fire Hall**

A Resolution to grant the request of the North East Fire Company for tax credit for their fire hall at 210 South Mauldin Avenue, North East, MD.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on February 16, 2016.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 08-2016.

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

Cecil County Public Schools - Budget Amendment #26  
There were no Council questions or comments.

Vice President McCarthy made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey to approve Budget Amendment #26. The Council approved the motion by a unanimous vote.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 15, 2016 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:

  
James Massey, Council Manager

Approved:

  
Robert Hodge  
President