

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES  
LSD 2016-08  
April 19, 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 April 19, 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 Rev. Marvin Jackson, Jr., Chaplain of the Maryland State Firemen's Association, who delivered the opening prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of April 19, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the legislative session minutes of April 5, 2016 as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Randy Cover, North East, commented in support of the Public Schools budget.  
Stephen Beiler, Colora, commented in support of his rezoning application.

**PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Patchell commented on the State's proposal to allow bicycle access on Hatem Bridge as of July 1, 2016. He commented on his safety concerns, volume of traffic, and the difficulty in sharing traffic lanes with bicycles. He stated that more information will be coming.

Vice President McCarthy agreed with Councilman Patchell's concerns for the safety of bicyclists on Hatem Bridge.

Councilman Schneckenburger agreed with concerns expressed about the safety of bicyclists on Hatem Bridge. He commented on SB 908 Maryland Open Transportation Investment Act, which creates a score card to prioritize road projects that may hurt Cecil County and other more rural counties. He emphasized that Cecil County should submit their transportation priorities to the State as soon as possible and commented that the proposed MARC maintenance facility could score high on the new process. He also commented on the struggle to maintain Cecil County roads in acceptable conditions.

Councilwoman Bowsbey also supported comments to oppose bicycle access on Hatem Bridge because of safety and security issues.

Council President Hodge commented on the history of the State taking highway user funds and the recent change in how road projects are prioritized.

#### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 17-2016 Tax Credit - Historic Property - Keiffer Brick House**

A Resolution to approve a property tax credit of 10% of the documented expenses spent by the owner-taxpayer for the restoration and preservation of Keiffer Brick House, a historic designated structure in Cecil County.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided introductory remarks. Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on April 19, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on May 3, 2016.

#### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

##### **Resolution No. 14-2016 Appointment—Commission on Aging— Jamie McCloskey**

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Jamie McCloskey to the Cecil County Commission on Aging, term to expire on June 30, 2017.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on April 5, 2016. There were no Council questions or comments.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 14-2016.

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

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Rezoning Case**

File: 2016-02; Applicant: Stephen B. Beiler; Location: East side of Jacob Tome Hwy, Colora, MD 21917; Election District: 6; Tax Map: 10; Parcel: 25; Request to rezone 9.9195 acres from Rural Residential to Business General

Councilwoman Bowsbey made a motion, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, to deny the application of Stephen B. Beiler to rezoning 9.9195 acres, located at 2664 Jacob Tome Memorial highway, Colora, MD from Rural Residential to Business General, due to there having been no mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning.

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

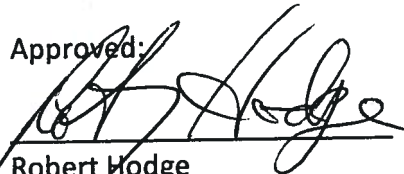
**ADJOURNMENT**

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 7:24 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2016 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:

  
James Massey, Council Manager

Approved:   
Robert Hodge  
President

