

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2016-21
December 6, 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:

Joyce Bowsbey, Council President
Dan Schneckenburger, Vice President
Bob Meffley, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member
Jackie Gregory, Council Member

NOTE: Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of December 6, 2016 was called to order by President Bowsbey at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

OPENING PRAYER

Vice President Schneckenburger introduced Pastor Laurie P. Loveless of Elkton Presbyterian Church who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilwoman Gregory, the Council moved to approve the legislative agenda of December 6, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President Schneckenburger, seconded by Councilman Meffley, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the legislative session of October 18, 2016 as presented. Motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Duane Maeser, Edgewood, representing Indian Acres, commented in opposition to the amendment campground zoning code.

Emmitt Duke, Chestertown, representing the Sassafras River Association, commented that the tier map legislation should be tabled until a work group could develop a plan that complies with the State regulations.

Al Reasin, Conowingo, commented on the tier map legislation.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on low taxes, smaller government, and rumble strips on Old Elk Neck Road at Plum Creek.

Brian Frymiari, North East, commented on his opposition to the Horst chicken farm, his support for a county moratorium on chicken houses, and his opposition to a storage facility constructed at the Horst farm without permits.

Johnathan Quinn, Warwick, representing Cecil County Farm Bureau, commented in support of tabling the tier map legislation to allow a work group to revise the plan.

Tanya Emkey, Earleville, representing Indian Acres, commented in opposition to the campground zoning proposal.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell and Councilman Meffley had no comments.

Councilwoman Gregory thanked the audience for attending.

Vice President Schneckenburger commented on the large audience with a variety of issues. He also welcomed the new department heads.

Council President Bowsbey thanked the audience for attending, congratulated the new Council Members, thanked Council Members for supporting her for Council President, and welcomed the new directors. She also commented that she looked forward to working with the new County Executive.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

BILL NO. 2016-23 Expedited Legislation - Budget Amendment - General - Capital Project - Information Technology - Permitting System

An expedited Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in order to move forward the bond expenditure authority in the amount of \$600,000 requested for the Permitting System (61003) within the Information Technology General Capital Projects Funding, resulting in an increase to the current fiscal year 2017 and a reduction to FY 2018.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided introductory comments on this Bill. This legislation will be expedited at the request of the administration. Council questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and posted on December 6, 2016.

The public hearing on Bill No. 2016-23 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of January 3, 2017.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 56-2016 Amendment - Comprehensive Plan - Tier Map

An Expedited Resolution to approve the modification of the Cecil County Comprehensive Plan to incorporate the 2012 Growth Tier Map by the State's deadline of December 31, 2016. There were no Council questions or comments.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, and Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided introductory comments on this Resolution. This legislation will be expedited at the request of the administration.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on December 6, 2016.

The public hearing on Resolution No. 56-2016 will be advertised and scheduled on December 20, 2017.

Council questions and comments ensued. Councilwoman Bowsbey suggested that the Council request that the County Executive appoint a committee to study the tier map in order to resolve the inconsistencies that were cited by the State.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 57-2016 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Goals and Objectives

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Chapter 1, Section 1.2 Objectives for Water and Sewer Facilities and Services for the Land Use Districts , to add text regarding resource protection and rural conservation districts; and Section 1.3.1.K General Policies Regarding Water Supply and Sanitary Sewerage Systems, to add text regarding sewer service funded by MDE funding

Al Wein, Director of Administration, stated that Resolution Nos. 57-2016 through 61-2016 are changes as a result of the consolidation of a wastewater treatment plant by the Town of Chesapeake City.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 6, 2016.

The public hearing on Resolution No. 57-2016 will be advertised and scheduled on January 3, 2017.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 58-2016 Amendment - Master Water and Sewer Plan - Chesapeake City

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Chapter 4 Sewerage Systems, Section 4.1.4.B Chesapeake City, to add text regarding limitation on service extensions in existing service areas and potential service area expansion; and to add text regarding sewer service area changed by the State, balancing of growth and demand, and service division within parcel.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 6, 2016.

The public hearing on Resolution No. 58-2016 will be advertised and scheduled on January 3, 2017.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 59-2016 Amendment – Master Water and Sewer Plan - Map - Water Service Districts - Chesapeake City

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, to revise the Water Service Districts map for Chesapeake City to reflect areas that were omitted in the previous map.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 6, 2016.

The public hearing on Resolution No. 59-2016 will be advertised and scheduled on January 3, 2017.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 60-2016 Amendment – Master Water and Sewer Plan - Map- Sewer Service Districts - Chesapeake City

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, to revise the Sewer Service Districts map for Chesapeake City to reflect areas that were omitted in the previous map

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 6, 2016.

The public hearing on Resolution No. 60-2016 will be advertised and scheduled on January 3, 2017.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 61-2016 Recertification - Priority Funding Area Map

A Resolution to amend the Priority Funding Area Map for Cecil County in order to expand the current priority funding area by 398 acres, to correct the areas that are within the proposed service area for the consolidated wastewater treatment plant, which were not shown in the current Priority Area Funding Map.

Introduced, read first time, and order posted on December 6, 2016.

The public hearing on Resolution No. 61-2016 will be advertised and scheduled on January 3, 2017.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 62-2016 Appointment - Drug and Alcohol Council - Steven Kendrick

A Resolution to appoint Steven Kendrick to the Cecil County Council Drug and Alcohol Council to a four year term, term to expire on December 20, 2020.

Introduced, read first time, order posted and scheduled for consideration December 20, 2016.

Council comments ensued.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 63-2016 Appointment - Board of Library Trustees - Tiffany Lydon

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Tiffany Lydon to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees to a 5-year term, to expire on December 30, 2021.

Introduced, read first time, order posted and scheduled for consideration December 20, 2016.

There were no Council questions or comments.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 64-2016 Appointments - Susquehanna Workforce Network

A Resolution to confirm County Executive's appointments of Brian Heinbaugh and Jack Reitnauer to serve a 1 year term to expire June 30, 2017; Dr. Mary Way Bolt and Carrie Bender to serve a 2 year term to expire June 30, 2018; and Carol Rose to serve a 3 year term to expire June 30, 2019.

Introduced, read first time, order posted and scheduled for consideration December 20, 2016.

Councilman Schneckengerger stated that he also serves on this board.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 65-2016 Budget Amendment - Information Technology Internal Services Fund - Systems Analyst

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in order to provide the Information Technology Internal Services Fund \$46,700 of operating revenue and expense appropriation authority to hire and train a new systems analyst for the Information Technology Department, primarily dedicated to the Public Safety Sungard System, which will result in a reduction of \$46,700 Transfer to the Debt Service Fund; and to appropriate General Fund expenditures of \$25,685 to Emergency Services and \$21,015 to Sheriff's Office, who are the system users.

Introduced, read first time, order posted and scheduled for consideration December 20, 2016.
Council questions and comments ensued.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 66-2016 Budget Amendment - Grants Funds - Fair Hill and Incubator Manager

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in order to provide a total of \$88,522 in additions to the Other Special Revenue Fund Budget awarded to the Department of Economic Development by the Maryland Department of Commerce (\$20,000) to fund support for Fair Hill, and the Rural Maryland Prosperity Investment Fund (\$68,522) to fund an Incubator Manager.

Introduced, read first time, order posted and scheduled for consideration December 20, 2016.
Council questions and comments ensued.

The Council requested that the administration provide a copy of the grant application for Fair Hill.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 67-2016 Budget Amendment - Casino Local Impact Fund Budget - VLT Local Community Grant Funds

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, in order to provide \$22,987 in carry forward expenditure authority for the Video Lottery Terminal (VLT) Local Community Grant Funds within the Casino Local Impact Fund Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

Introduced, read first time, order posted and scheduled for consideration December 20, 2016.
Council questions and comments ensued.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 68-2016 Budget Amendment - General Fund - Information Technology - Transition

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 in order to provide additional appropriation of \$157,000 within the General Fund and \$20,000 of operating revenue and expense appropriation authority within the Information Technology Department for Cecil County's first transition to a new County Executive and

County Council under the Charter form of government. It was the determination of the prior County Executive and County Council that transition costs would not be included in the original FY2017 Annual Budget but should instead be determined by the new County Executive and County Council.

Introduced, read first time, order posted and scheduled for consideration December 20, 2016. Council questions and comments ensued.

The Council requested that the administration to provide a breakdown of costs for the 2016 transition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Executive Appointments

County Executive McCarthy presented Christopher P. Moyer for confirmation as Director of the Department of Economic Development.

County Executive McCarthy presented Sally Kilby Thompson for confirmation as Director of the Department of Human Resources.

Councilman Schneckenburger made a motion to confirm the appointment of Christopher P. Moyer as Director of the Department of Economic Development, which was seconded by Councilman Meffley.

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

Councilman Schneckenburger made a motion to confirm the appointment of Sally Kilby Thompson as Director of the Department of Human Resources, which was seconded by Councilman Meffley.

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

Cecil County Public Schools - Budget Amendment #34

The Council discussed the process of approval of the school system's budget amendment. Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, explained that his office reviews the school's proposed amendments before submission to the Council. Council must take action within thirty days or the amendment is approved without Council action. Councilwoman Gregory requested the Board of Education or administration should provide more details.

Councilman Schneckenburger made a motion to approve Budget Amendment #34, which was seconded by Councilwoman Gregory.

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

ADJOURNMENT

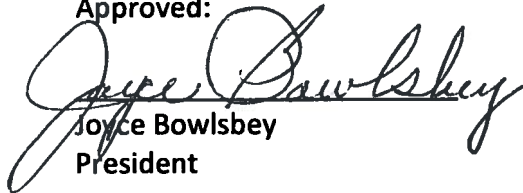
Council President Bowsbey adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 2016 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:


Joyce Bowsbey
President