

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
December 11, 2012

PRESENT: Council Broomell, Dunn, McCarthy, and Hodge, Treasurer Feehley, Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, Administrative Assistant Robin McCann, members of the press, and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 a.m. – Executive Office Administrator Rinkerman called the meeting to order.

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

Council Appointment/MACo Legislative Appointment

Executive Office Administrator Rinkerman reviewed the Council appointment/alternate appointment to the MACo Legislative committee.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Council appointments and alternate appointments to the MACo Legislative committee.

Members of the Council concurred to table the appointments until the District 2 Council seat has been filled.

District 2 Council Seat Process

Councilman Hodge reviewed the District 2 Council seat appointment process proposal.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the District 2 Council seat appointment process proposal.

On a motion made by Councilman Hodge, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, the Council moved to proceed with a press release announcing the vacant District 2 Council seat and requesting an Expression of Interest from qualified citizens in District 2.

VOTE: McCarthy – Y, Dunn – N, Broomell – N, Hodge – Y. Motion failed carried by a vote of 2 in favor and 2 in opposition.

Councilman Dunn and Councilwoman Broomell advised the other members that they would like to seek legal advice before proceeding with seeking applications for the District 2 Council seat.

Proposed Resolution Interim Council Procedures

Councilman Hodge reviewed the Interim Council Procedures Resolution.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the proposed Interim Council Procedures Resolution.

On motion made by Councilman Hodge, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, the Council moved to consider the proposed Resolution at the next Council meeting.

VOTE: McCarthy – Y, Dunn – N, Broomell – N, Hodge – Y. Motion failed by a vote of 2 in favor and 2 in opposition.

Internal Auditor Appointment

Councilwoman Broomell reviewed the job description for an Internal Auditor position.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the proposed Internal Auditor position.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to authorize the Human Resources Department to advertise the fulltime Internal Auditor position.

VOTE: McCarthy – N, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – N. Motion failed by a vote of 2 in favor and 2 in opposition.

Expression of Interest for Legal Services

Executive Office Administrator Rinkerman reviewed the Expression of Interest regarding legal services for the Council.

The Council concurred to authorize staff to proceed with advertising the Expression of Interest for legal services for the Council.

Board of Health Constitution Discussion

Executive Office Administrator Rinkerman announced that the Board of Health Constitution discussion has been postponed.

Council Legislative Meeting Decorum

Councilwoman Broomell reviewed a proposal to develop meeting decorum guidelines for the Legislative meeting.

Members of the Council provided their comments and agreed to consider a proposal for meeting decorum guidelines.

Council Items

Councilman McCarthy commented on the inability of members to reach a decision and recommended canceling meetings until the District 2 Council seat is filled.

Councilman Hodge concurred with Councilman McCarthy's comment.

Executive Office Administrator Rinkerman advised the Council that they have a Worksession and Legislative meeting on December 18th, and there are items that need to be addressed by the Council. Due to the holiday the next Council meeting is scheduled for January 8, 2013.

Councilman Dunn commented on the new County Executive changing her political affiliation.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the Drug Forum Awareness Event; Charlestown Town meeting; Harford County Drug Awareness workshop, and the arrest for drug possession in the Lakeside community.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Dunn, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, the Board moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Attest:

Vicky Rinkerman
Executive Office Administrator