

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2016-02
January 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
Dan Schneckenburger, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member
Absent: Joyce Bowsbey, 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 January 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 Pastor Alan Bosmeny of Five Rivers Church in Elkton, who lead 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 January 19, 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

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 on December 15, 2015, advertised on January 6, 2016 and January 13, 2016, and scheduled for public hearing on January 19, 2016.

Scott Flanigan, director of Public Works, provided a summary of this legislation and Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 71-2015.

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

Introduced by the Council President on behalf 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".

There were no questions or comments from Council Members.

Council President Hodge opened the public hearing for public comments.
Richard Truitt, North East, commented in support of the Resolution.
Gina O'Callaghan, North East, commented in support of the Resolution.

Additional comments were made by Council Members and Mr. Flanigan.

Council President Hodge concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 71-2015 and announced that final consideration of this Resolution will be held on February 2, 2016.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative session minutes of January 5, 2016 as presented. Motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Bowsbey was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Al Reasin, Conowingo, commented on HB 19 regarding sprinklers and his freedom to choose.
Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on his support of the Elk Neck Road Bridge project, his opposition to school budget amendments, and his opposition to Resolution No. 01-2016.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Schneckenburger attended the County Executive's Town Hall on the budget, School of Technology graduation, Cecil Night in Annapolis, Soil Conservation Banquet, Martin Luther King prayer breakfast, Firemen's Association meeting, and ribbon cutting and luncheon for Elk Neck Road Bridge. He commented on the snow predicted for this weekend.

Councilman Patchell attended the School of Technology graduation, Cecil Night in Annapolis, and Martin Luther King prayer breakfast.

Vice President McCarthy attended all the events mentioned by other Council Members and congratulated the administration for Elk Neck Road Bridge project.

Councilwoman Bowsbey was absent.

Council President Hodge commented on the Cecil County Public Schools budget amendments and HB 19 regarding sprinklers. He also commented on the strong public appreciation shown for the Elk Neck Road Bridge project.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

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.

Steve O'Connor, Agricultural Preservation Administrator, provided an explanation of the Resolution

There were no questions or comments.

Introduced, read first time, order posted on January 19, 2016 and scheduled for consideration on February 2, 2016.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 01-2016 Supplemental Appropriation - Fund Balance - Animal Care and Control

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 an additional \$24,000 from the Fund Balance to the General Fund for Animal Control.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on January 5, 2016.

**AMENDMENT NO. 1
RESOLUTION NO. 01-2016**

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

On page 1, second line of synopsis, delete "\$24,000" and insert "\$11,662".

On page 2, line 3, delete "\$24,000" and insert "\$11,662".

On page 2, line 10, delete "\$24,000" and insert "\$11,662".

On page 2, line 27, delete "\$24,000" and insert "\$11,662".

On page 3, line 32, delete "\$24,000" and insert "\$11,662".

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

Councilman Schneckeburger asked whether the last quarter report was received from A Buddy for Life. Council Manager Massey responded that the report had just been received.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, the Council moved to oppose Resolution No. 01-2016.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Schneckeburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Bowsbey was absent.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 02-2016 Termination - Agricultural Land Preservation District - 300 Cherry Grove Road

A Resolution to release and terminate the Agricultural Land Preservation District established under the provisions of COMAR 15.15.01.04 on August 2, 2001 for a 48.983 acre property owned by James and Julia Corder at 300 Cherry Grove Road (Tax Map 52, Grid 13 Parcel 5), which is recorded among the Land Records of Cecil County in Liber. 1064, folio 501.

The Resolution was introduced and posted on January 5, 2016.

There were no comments or questions.

On motion made by Councilman Schneckenburger, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 02-2016.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Bowsbey was absent.

OLD BUSINESS

Rezoning Case 2015-09 C.I. Contractors LLC and Maryland Beer Company, LLC

File: 2015-09; Applicant: C.I. Contractors LLC & Maryland Beer Company, LLC; Location: 41 Cherry Hill Road, Elkton, MD 21921; Election District: 3; Tax Map: 20; Parcels: 221; Request: to rezone .73 acres from Rural Residential (RR) to Business Intensive (B1); Property Owner: Kevin Taylor.

On motion by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Patchell, the Council moved to approve the application of C.I. Contractors LLC and Maryland Beer Company LLC to rezone .73 acres from Rural Residential to Business Intensive based upon a mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Bowsbey was absent.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools - Budget Amendment #25

Council Members commented on the budget amendment and the explanation provided during the work session by Tom Kappra, Chief Financial Officer, Cecil County Public Schools.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Cecil County Public Schools budget amendment #25.

Roll call vote: McCarthy - Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Councilwoman Bowsbey was absent.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, February 2, 2016 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:


James Massey, Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Hodge
President