

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2015-01
January 06, 2015

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 Bowlsbey, 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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County for January 6, 2015 was called to order by President Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Hodge led the Council in a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowlsbey, the Council moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING

Bill No. 2014-31 Approval – Agricultural Preservation District – Dudkewitz Property. A Bill to approve the petition of David and Charlotte Dudkewitz for the property located at 1777 Appleton Road, Elkton, MD 21921 (Tax Map 14, Grid 21, Parcel 26) requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district .

Steve O'Connor, MALPF Program Administrator, provided information relevant to the Bill.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of Bill.
Diane Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of Bill.
Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on Bill.

Bill No. 2014-32 Approval – Agricultural Preservation District – Brewer Property. A Bill to approve the petition of Rodney & Rebecca Brewer for the property of 832 Lombard Rd. Rising Sun, MD 21911 (Tax Map 5, Grid 15, Parcels 7, 83 & 153) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

Steve O'Connor, MALPF Program Administrator, provided information relevant to the Bill.

Questions and comments ensued.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of Bill.
Diane Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of Bill.

Resolution No. 60-2014 Approval – Designation of Historic District – Cross Keys Tavern. A Resolution to establish and designate the property located at 1221 Calvert Road, Rising Sun, MD, District 9, Tax Map 11, Parcel 396 known as Cross Keys Tavern as a Historic District.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided information regarding bill.

Questions and comments ensued.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of Bill.
Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, spoke in opposition to Bill.

Resolution No. 61-2014 Approval – Designation of Historic District – Hebron’s Gift. A Resolution to establish and designate the property located at 211 Brick Meetinghouse Road, North East, MD, District 9, Tax Map 12, Parcel 3 known as the Hebron's Gift as a Historic District.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided information relevant to bill.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented on Resolution.
Diane Carabetta, Perryville, commented on Resolution.
Jeff Rickets, Calvert, spoke in support of Resolution.

Resolution No. 62-2014 Approval – Master Water and Sewer Plan 2014. A Resolution to repeal the Master Water and Sewer Plan 2010 in its entirety and reenact the Master Water and Sewer Plan 2014.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, and Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided information relevant to Resolution. Written comments were received from Stewart & Associates, Maryland Port Authority, Town of Elkton, Artesian Water, Town of North East, Recovery of America, and Maryland Department of Planning.

Questions and comments ensued.

Aaron Capofori, Elkton, spoke in support of Resolution.
Mario Gangemi, Elkton, representing Cecil Business Leaders, spoke in support of Resolution.
Rosewin Sweeney, representing Town of North East, spoke in opposition to Resolution.
Ken Cowley, Earleville, spoke in support of Resolution.
Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented on Resolution.
Diane Carabett, Perryville, commented on Resolution.
Joe DeNunzio, Elkton, representing Artesian Resources, commented on Resolution.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of December 16, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ron Lobos, Elkton, commented on the budget.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented on the budget and Bill No. 2015-01 Zoning Code – Vacation Rental Homes.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on the budget.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, commented on Bill No. 2015-01 Zoning Code – Vacation Rental Homes.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Vice President McCarthy commented on the concerns of a constituent.

Councilwoman Bowsbey wished everyone a very happy new year.

Councilman Schneckenburger apologized to those who came to last week's Council Work Session, which was cancelled. He attended the MACo conference and that he fully supports the proposed North East MARC facility because of its positive economic impact.

President Hodge welcomed everyone and all a happy new year.

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 2015-01 Zoning Code – Vacation Rental Homes. A Bill to amend the Cecil County Zoning Ordinance to add a new Section 162, which permits a vacation rental home in certain zones as a Special Exception with conditions.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided information relevant to bill.

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2015-01 would be scheduled for a public hearing on February 3, 2015 and tentative consideration at the February 17, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 01-2015 Roads – Truck Restriction – Kirk Road. A Resolution approving the implementation of a 35-ton Gross Vehicle Weight Rating limit on a portion of Kirk Road.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, and Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, provided information relevant to resolution.

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 01-2015 would be scheduled for a public hearing on February 3, 2015 and tentative consideration at the February 17, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 02-2015 Reappointment – Board of Parks and Recreation – Donald C. Harmer, Jr. A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Donald C. Harmer, Jr. to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a three (3) year term to expire January 31, 2018.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided information relevant to resolution.

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 02-2015 would be scheduled for tentative consideration at the January 20, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 03-2015 Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Application Finalists – FY 2015. A Resolution to approve the application of Rodney and Rebecca Brewer at 832 Lombard Road in place of the withdrawn application of Douglas McGlothlin at 371 McCauley Road, as a FY 2015 Application Finalist to be submitted to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 03-2015 would be scheduled for a tentative consideration at the January 20, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 04-2015 Refunding Bonds of 2015. A Resolution to authorize and empower Cecil County, Maryland to borrow, from time to time, not more than Forty One Million Eight Hundred Seventy Five Thousand Dollars (\$41,875,000) and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale of its general obligation bonds in one or more series, authorized by Section 19-207 of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland (2013 Replacement Volume), such bonds to be designated "Cecil County, Maryland Refunding Bonds of 2015," such bonds to be sold and issued for the purpose of refunding certain outstanding general obligation bonds of the County in order to realize savings to the County in the total cost of debt service; to empower the County Executive to execute and deliver one or more executive orders prior to issuing the bonds in order to fix, prescribe and determine certain matters relating to such bonds and the sale thereof, as hereinafter described; to provide for the levy and collection of taxes in rate and amount sufficient, together with funds from other sources, to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as they mature; and to provide for and determine certain matters in connection with the sale, issuance and delivery of such bonds.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, and Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager, provided information relevant to resolution.

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 04-2015 would be scheduled for a tentative consideration at the January 20, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 67-2014 Budget Amendment – Grant Revenue – Various departments and agencies. A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 in order to provide a total of \$141,500 in additions to the General Fund Grants Budget awarded to the Department of Emergency Services (\$1,500), the Circuit Court (\$15,000), and the Health Department (\$125,000) and to provide a total of \$25,000 in additions to the Senior Services and Community Transit Fund Grants Budget for a grant from the State of Maryland Office of the Governor’s Volunteer Generation Fund.

Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 67-2014.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Schneckenburger – Y, Patchell – Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 68-2014 Appointment – Bainbridge Development Corporation – Michael R. Pugh and Martha Barchowsky. A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Michael R. Pugh and the appointment of Martha Barchowsky to the Bainbridge Development Corporation terms to expire in January 2019.

Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 68-2014.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell – Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 69-2014 Appointment – Public Safety Employee Pension Plan Board – Bruce Diehl and Angie Blodgett. A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Bruce Diehl and the reappointment of Angie Blodgett by the County Executive to the Public Safety Employee Pension Plan Board of Trustees, term to expire on December 2017 and December 2018, respectively.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 69-2014.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell – Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools – Budget Amendment #14.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Budget Amendment #14 for Cecil County Public Schools.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell – Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 9:06 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:

Robert Hodge
President

Attest:

James Massey
Council Manager