

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2015-04
February 17, 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 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.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of February 17, 2015 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. Ralph Massie from North East Church of God who led the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Rezoning Application

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

File 2015-01; Applicant: Richard Scott Biron; Property Location: 1516 Singerly Road, Elkton MD 21921; Election District : 3; Tax Map: 21; Parcel: 31; Presently zoned: ST (Suburban Transition Residential); Request: BL (Business Local); Property owner: E-Retire, LLC, Richard Scott Biron.

Notice of public hearing published on February 4 and 11, 2015.

Applicant presenting testimony were sworn in by Council Manager Massey.

Richard Scott Biron presented his request for rezoning based on a mistake in the Comprehensive Zoning. Cliff Houston, Zoning Administrator, presented the findings of fact and Planning Commission recommendation for approval.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, MD, commented in favor of the application. There were no witnesses in opposition.

Mr. Biron provided closing remarks.

Council President Hodge concluded the public hearing and announced that the rezoning case will be considered at the next legislative session.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of February 3, 2015. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President McCarthy was absent.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented on Council President Hodge's birthday and Resolution No. 01-2015.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, commented on the good work by the Road Department, charter schools and the Council President's birthday.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, commented on fiscal responsibility.

Ron Lobos, Elkton, commented on the Council's response to the school's budget request.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell attended the MARC facility maintenance project open house and commented on the interest by the public and contractors.

Vice President McCarthy attended the MACo Legislative Committee where he met Ben Grumbles, Secretary of the Environment. He reviewed several proposed state legislation being considered for support or opposition by MACo Legislative Committee.

Councilman Schneckenburger also attended the open house on North East MARC station and met with a member of the Broadband Task Force regarding possible funding options.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the Commission on Aging where a speaker from Kent County provided information about the "Kent County Village Concept". In addition, she attended the Upper Shore Regional Council with Vice President McCarthy.

President Hodge thanked the audience for participating in the democratic process.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 08-2015 Appointment—Historic District Commission - Audrey Edwards, Ron Edwards and Nancy Simperts

A Resolution to confirm the reappointments by the County Executive of Audrey Edwards, Ron Edwards, and Nancy Simperts to the Historic District Commission to a 3 year term to expire March 1, 2018.

Introduced, read first time and ordered posted on February 17, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on March 3, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 09-2015 Appointment—Weed Control Board - Anthony Calao, William Ewing, Dave Hollenbaugh, Charles Robinson, Peter Rupp, Mike Scheeler, Mark Smith, Dan Webber, Monty Johnson, and Dottie Mortimer.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Monty Johnson and Dottie Mortimer; and to confirm the reappointment of Anthony Calao, William Ewing, Dave Hollenbaugh, Charles Robinson, Peter Rupp, Mike Scheeler, Mark Smith and Dan Webber to the Cecil County Weed Control Board for a one (1) year term, to expire April 1, 2016.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on February 17, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on March 3, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 10-2015 Appointments—Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board - Carol Masden and Tyra Kenly

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Carol Masden and to confirm the appointment of Tyra Kenly and Michelle Digiovani to the Cecil County Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board for three (3) year terms to expire March 12, 2018.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on February 17, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on March 3, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 11-2015 Reappointment—Board of Parks and Recreation—Steve Minor

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of Steve Minor to the Board of Parks and Recreation; term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on February 17, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on March 3, 2015.

Resolution No. 12-2015 Budget Amendment - Midyear Adjustment was not introduced and was tabled until a later date.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 01-2015 Roads - Truck Restrictions – Kirk Road

A Resolution approving the implementation of a 35-ton Gross Vehicle Weight Rating limit on a portion of Kirk Road.

Resolution was introduced on January 6, 2015, and public hearing held on February 3, 2015.

Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, provided additional information about this resolution.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to amend Resolution No. 01-2015 to replace the weight restriction with the vehicle length restriction. Questions and discussion ensued. Vice President McCarthy withdrew his amendment.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Patchell, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 01-2015 Roads - Truck Restrictions - Kirk Road.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 07-2015 Appointment - Susquehanna Workforce Investment Board (WIB) - Orville Potts and Raymond Hamm

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Orville Potts to serve a 3 year term to expire June 30, 2018; and the reappointment by the County Executive of Raymond "Chick" Hamm to serve a 3 year term to expire June 30, 2018, to the Susquehanna Workforce Investment Board.

Resolution was introduced on January 3, 2015.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 07-2015 Appointment - Susquehanna Workforce Investment Board.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2015 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:



Robert Hodge
President

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager