

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2015-06
March 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 March 17, 2015 was called to order by President Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Council observed a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilman Patchell requested to correct two roll call votes that he made, which was recorded incorrectly. The motion to accept the revisions was made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, and approved by unanimous vote.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes as amended of March 17, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Regan Campbell, Earleville, support school budget.
Rhonda Dollenger, North East, support school budget.
Matt Sciamanna, Elkton, support school budget.
Dave Klinefelter, Elkton, support school budget.
Dave Voiox, North East, support school budget.
Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented on the school budget, Basell property and "virtual school".

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, comments on school building conditions, special assessments and the Sheriff's Office recent drug busts.

Lori Hrinko, Elkton, support school budget.

Marie Taylor, Elkton, support school budget.

Cailynn Kelley, Cecilton, support school budget.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell attended today's Heroin Task Force.

Vice President McCarthy attended the task force and commented on meeting Attorney General Brian Frosh.

Councilman Schneckenburger thanked the audience for attending and commented on his appreciation for school teachers.

Councilwoman Bowsbey thanked the audience for attending. She attended the task force today and commented on her support for schools and the use of the Basell property for a vocational school.

Council President Hodge thanked the audience for attending. He commented on the task force and the need to improve drug prevention efforts.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2015-04 Amendment - Zoning Code- Floodplain District

An Act to amend the Zoning Code Ordinance, Article XI, Part III Floodplain District; and includes changes in definition of historic structure, size of accessory structure in certain zones, application variances for historic structures; and updates version of Flood Insurance Study used.

Mr. Sennstrom provided information of this Bill. Questions and comments ensued.

The public hearing for Bill No. 2015-04 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on April 21, 2015.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 16-2015 Approval - Annexation - Town of Elkton - Belle Hill Road - Zoning Designation

A Resolution to approve the request from the Town of Elkton that the zoning of the property, located at 142 Belle Hill Road, pertaining to Pivotal Utilities Holdings, Inc., doing business as Elkton Gas, which is being annexed into the Town, be changed from High Density Residential (RM) to the Town's Highway Interchange Commercial (C-3) zone.

Mr. Wein provided information about this Resolution.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on March 17, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on April 7, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 17-2015 Appointment - Board of Library Trustees - Tiffany Lydon

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Tiffany Lydon to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees, term to expire on December 30, 2016.

Mr. Wein provided information on this Resolution.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on March 17, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on April 7, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 18-2015 Roads - Renaming - Eugene's Way

A Resolution to rename an unnamed road "Eugene's Way", which is off of Willard Drive in North East.

Mr. Sennstrom provided information about this Resolution.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on March 17, 2015. The public hearing for Resolution No. 18-2015 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session on April 21, 2015.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 12-2015 Budget Amendment - Midyear Adjustment

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 increase and decrease various departmental expenditures per Appendix A to provide a total of \$260,440 in net additions to expenditures to the General Fund Budget with \$60,440 the net additions funded by grant revenues and \$200,000 funded by use of fund balance available; and in additions to the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget funded by an increase in the use of fund balance available.

Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the County Executive, asked that Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 12-2015 be introduced and provided explanation of the amendment. Questions and discussion ensued.

Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 12-2015

Title: Budget Amendment - Midyear Adjustment

Synopsis: To increase the amount of expense for salt and supplies for snow removal activities for the Department of Public Works as a result of the recent snowstorm.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of County Executive

On page 1, Synopsis, delete "\$260,440" and insert "\$460,440".

On page 1, Synopsis, delete "\$200,000" and insert "\$400,000".

On page 2, line 9, delete "\$500,000" and insert "\$700,000".

On page 3, line 32, delete "\$1,247,991" and insert "\$1,204,380".

On page 3, line 42, delete "\$200,000" and insert "\$400,000".

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Resolution No. 12-2015.

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

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 12-2015 as amended.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy-Y, Bowsbey-Y, Schneckenburger-N, Patchell-Y, Hodge-Y. The motion was carried by a vote of 4 to 1. Councilman Schneckenburger opposed.

Councilwoman Bowsbey asked Mr. Allison about the status of County's International Truck problems. Mr. Allison stated that there had been no response and that he would request a closed session with the Council at a later date.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 13-2015 Appointment - Watershed Implementation Plan Advisory Committee - Eric Buehl and Robert Dvorak.

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Eric Buehl and Robert Dvorak for a two (2) year term to expire on March 31, 2017

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 13-2015.

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. 14-2015 Approval - Annexation - Town of Chesapeake City - Boat Yard Road - Zoning Designation

A Resolution to approve the request from the Town of Chesapeake City that the zoning of the property, located on Boat Yard Road, also known as the Habersham Property, which is being annexed into the Town, be changed from Business Local (BL) to the Town's Traditional Neighborhood Development (TND) zone.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 14-2015

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. 15-2015 Appointment - Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Linda Willis and Nicole Meekins, and the reappointment of Trish Dana and Robert Churnside to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board for three (3) year terms, to expire March 2018.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 15-2015

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

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Bill No. 2015-02 Budget Transfer - Capital Budget - Highlands Interceptor Sewer Project

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 in order to transfer existing budget authority within the Wastewater Capital Budget in the amount of \$300,000 from Construct Principio Sanitary Sewer – North project and \$350,000 from the Upgrade to the North East River Advanced Waste Water Treatment Plant project to the Construct Highlands Interceptor Sewer project.

The Bill was introduced on February 3, 2015 and public hearing held on March 3, 2015.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckeburger, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2015-02.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:

Robert Hodge
President

Attest:

James Massey
Council Manager