

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2015-08
April 21, 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 April 21, 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. Laurie Loveless from Elkton Presbyterian Church to deliver 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.

PRESENTATION OF CERTIFICATES

The Council presented certificates to sixteen Boy Scouts from Troops 131, 173, 226, 336, 367, 443, and 444 for achieving First Class Rank.

PUBLIC HEARING

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 comments on the Bill.

Council President Hodge asked for any questions or comments from Council Members. There were no comments.

Council President Hodge opened the public hearing. There were no comments.

Council President Hodge concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2015-04 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on May 5, 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 comments on the Resolution.

Council President Hodge asked for any questions or comments from Council Members. There were no comments.

Council President Hodge opened the public hearing.
Joe Carabetta, Perryville, provided comments.

Council President Hodge concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 18- 2015 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on May 5, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 20-2015 Emergency Legislation - Enterprise Zone - Port Deposit

An Emergency Resolution to expand the existing Cecil County Enterprise Zone to include the Town of Port Deposit, including Bainbridge and Tome's Marina.

Mr. Wein provided comments on the Bill.

Council President Hodge asked for any questions or comments from Council Members. There were no comments.

Council President Hodge opened the public hearing.
Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.
Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, spoke in opposition to the Resolution.

Council President Hodge concluded the public hearing on Resolution No. 20- 2015 and announced that final consideration of this Resolution will be held on April 21, 2015.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Councilman Schneckenburger, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the minutes as amended of April 7, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of Res. No. 19-2015 and in opposition to taxes, county debt, higher sewer rates.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, congratulated the Scouts and spoke in opposition to manufactured home rental tax increases, and in support of revising tax forms to allow for donation to public schools.

Donna Caudell, Elkton, spoke in opposition to taxes and fees increases.

Harold McCanick, Elk Neck, spoke on fiscal responsibility.

Ron Lobos, Elkton, spoke in opposition to tax increases, change in public hearing location, and recordation tax increase.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Schneckenburger attended the Senior Services/Community Transit Volunteer Recognition luncheon, Community Fire Company of Rising Sun Awards Banquet. He asked about the MDTA board presentation regarding the Hatem Bridge Work Group.

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented that she also attended the Volunteer luncheon and urged the public to use the county website to register to volunteer.

Councilman Patchell attended the Volunteer luncheon and the Perryville Little League Bull Roast.

Vice President McCarthy also attended the Volunteer luncheon.

Council President Hodge stated that the Health Department is offering low cost rabies shot clinics during May. He also stated that the public hearing on the budget will be held on May 12 at Elkton High School to ensure sufficient space for citizens to attend.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 28-2015 Tax Credit - Historic Property - Cross Keys Tavern

A Resolution to approve a property tax credit of 10% of the documented expenses spent by the owner-taxpayer for the restoration and preservation of Cross Keys Tavern, a historic designated structure in Cecil County.

Mr. Sennstrom provided comments on the Resolution.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on April 21, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on May 5, 2015.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 19-2015 Appointment - Local Development Council - Gary Tennis

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Gary Tennis to the Cecil County Local Development Council to fill the vacancy of George Patchell term, to expire April 21, 2019.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 19-2015.

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. 20-2015 Emergency Legislation - Enterprise Zone - Port Deposit

An Emergency Resolution to expand the existing Cecil County Enterprise Zone to include the Town of Port Deposit, including Bainbridge and Tome's Marina.

Council President Hodge stated that the administration requested that this Resolution be approved as emergency legislative due to the necessity to submit a grant application by a deadline to the Maryland Department of Business and Economic Development.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to consider Resolution No. 20-2015 as an emergency legislation.

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 Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 20-2015.

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

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2015-03 Budget Amendment - Capital Budget - Board of Education

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Board of Education Capital Projects Budget in the amount of \$193,139.60 from other School Capital Projects to the New School of Technology Renovations Project.

The Bill was introduced on March 3, 2015 and public hearing held on April 7, 2015.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2015-03.

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

OLD BUSINESS

Rezoning Case File 2015-02

Applicant: Anthony E. and Sharon K. Nonn; Property Location: 2125 Barksdale Road, Elkton, MD 21921; Election District:4; Tax Map: 14 and 21 ; Parcel: 47, 109 and 600; Presently zoned: LDR; Request: ST; Property Owner: Anthony E. and Sharon K. Nonn

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the application of Anthony E. and Sharon K. Nonn to rezone 38.10 acres located at 2125 Barksdale Road, Elkton, MD from LDR (low density residential) to ST (suburban transition) based upon a mistake in the zoning classification of the property during the last comprehensive rezoning.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey – Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell – N, Hodge - Y. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 1.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, May 5, 2015 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager

Approved:



Robert Hodge
President

