

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2015-12
June 16, 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 of June 16, 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

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative session minutes of June 2, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented on Carpenters Point Road condition, taxes and regulations, and Flag Day Ceremonies.
Diane Carabetta, Perryville, declined to comment.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented the Planning and Zoning Department's Annual Report for 2014. He also stated that the Planning Commission approved the 2014 Annual Report on May 18, 2015.

Questions and comments ensued.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 33-2015 Junk Dealers and Scrap Metal Processors - Designated Enforcement Agency- Maryland State Police

A Resolution to designate the Maryland State Police as the primary law enforcement unit in regards to individuals doing business as junk dealer or scrap metal processors in Cecil County.

Mr. Wein and Mr. Massey provided comments on this Resolution.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on June 16, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on July 7, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 34-2015 Appointments—Economic Development Commission

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Robert Palsgrove, Bruce England, Dr. D'Ette Devine, Denise Davis, Woody Jackson, Linda Burris, Michael Ratchford, Bernard DeMarinis, Doris Mason, JoAnn Dawson, Grove Miller and Paula Gilley to the Economic Development Commission; terms to expire in June 30, 2018.

Mr. Wein and provided comments on this Resolution.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on June 16, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on July 7, 2015.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 31-2015 Appointment - Board of License Commissioners - Reid Cameron

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Reid Cameron to the Board of License Commissioners, term to expire in June 2018.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 31-2015.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 32-2015 Approval - Girl Scouts - Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

A Resolution to support an application from the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay for the Leadership Experience Project to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development under the Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 32-2015.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bill No. 2015-06 As Amended Fees - Transfer of Interest in Land

A Bill to change the fee for the transfer of an interest in land from \$10 to 0.5% of the consideration identified in the deed or other instrument recorded with the Clerk of Court for Cecil County; and providing certain exemptions from the transfer fee.

Councilwoman Bowsbey made a motion to reconsider Bill No. 2015-06 As Amended, which had been approved on June 2, 2015. The motion was seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger.

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

Mr. Allison explained that text had been omitted that reflected the state's provision for a discount for first time home buyers. The administration proposed Amendment No. 2 to Bill No. 2015-06 As Amended.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On Page 2, line 17, insert the following:

"§13-207, and the transfer fee for first time home buyers under MD. Code Ann., Tax - Property, §13-203 shall be 0.25% of the consideration payable for the instrument of writing with the transfer fee to be paid entirely by the seller."

On Page 2, line 20, insert the following: "unless otherwise exempt"

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

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2015-06 As Amended.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools - Budget Amendment #20

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve budget amendment #20.

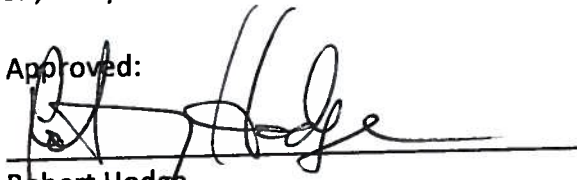
Roll Call Vote: McCarthy - Y, Bowsbey – Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell – Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, July 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