

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY**  
**LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**LSD 2015-15**  
**August 4, 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County of August 4, 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 legislative agenda of August 4, 2015, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**BILL NO. 2015-12 Amendment - Subdivision Regulations - Appeal, Preliminary Plat and Concept Plat**  
An Act to amend the Subdivision Regulations, to provide the public with an additional appeal process, to allow Director of Planning and Zoning to grant extensions of concept plat and preliminary plat, and to change the deadline to request extensions of concept plat and preliminary plat approval.

The Bill was introduced on July 7, 2015, advertised on July 10 and July 17, 2015, and scheduled for public hearing on August 4, 2015.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided a summary of the Bill. Questions and comments ensued.

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

Council President Hodge concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2015-12 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on August 18, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**BILL NO. 2015-13 Amendment - Building Code**

A Bill to amend Sections 157-1 and 157-2, Chapter 157 (Building Construction) of the Cecil County Code in order to adopt the 2015 edition of IBC, add definitions, and providing additional building construction standards.

The Bill was introduced on July 7, 2015, advertised on July 10 and July 17, 2015, and scheduled for public hearing on August 4, 2015.

Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspection, provided a summary of the Bill. Questions and comments ensued.

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

Council President Hodge concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2015-13 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on August 18, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**BILL NO. 2015-14**

A Bill to amend Chapter 270, Building Construction of the Cecil County Code in Sections 270-3 Inspections, 270-6 Adoption of Standards by reference, 270-10 Safety devices, 270-12 Permits required, applications, exceptions; 270-14 Transfer; 270-17 Licensing, applications; 270-18 Nonresident Plumbers; and 270-20 Display of information, vehicles.

The Bill was introduced on July 7, 2015, advertised on July 10 and July 17, 2015, and scheduled for public hearing on August 4, 2015.

Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspection, provided a summary of the Bill. Questions and comments ensued.

Council President Hodge opened the public hearing.

Al Reasin, Conowingo, provided comments on the Bill.

Council President Hodge concluded the public hearing on Bill No. 2015-14 and announced that final consideration of this Bill will be held on August 18, 2015.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative session minutes of July 21, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Bill De Freitas, Elkton, commented on Bill No. 2015-18.

## **PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Schneckenburger attended the Cecil County Fair and participated in the chicken barbecue, Economic Development meeting and 4-H auction. He commented that the Fair and Bassmasters events were huge events to bring the public to Cecil County. He expressed his appreciation to all the volunteers of both events.

Councilwoman Bowsbey also attended the Fair and participated in the chicken barbecue. She congratulated Dr. Mary Bolt being selected as the President of Cecil College.

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy commented on the Fair's success.

Council President Hodge thanked the audience for attending the legislative session.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

### **Bill No. 2015-18 Amendments - Animal Care and Control Ordinance**

A Bill to amend Chapter 142, Animal Care and Control Ordinance Article II; providing for a change in the name of the board, additional definitions, method of computing time, change in composition of board, the legal advisor, method of removal of citizen board member, changes in reporting requirements, length of impoundment, license requirements and inspections.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided a summary of the Bill. He also requested that this legislation be effective on January 1, 2016, concurrently with the county's animal care and control authority contract.

The public hearing for Bill No. 2015-18 will be advertised and scheduled on the Council legislative session of September 1, 2015.

Council President Hodge requested that the Council Manager maintain a list of possible changes in this legislation for the Council to discuss at a workshop to be held after the public hearing.

## **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

### **RESOLUTION NO. 43-2015 Tax Credit - Historic Property - Brickhouse II**

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 Brickhouse II, a historic designated structure in Cecil County.

Mr. Wein summarized the Resolution.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 4, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on August 18, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**RESOLUTION NO. 44-2015 Appointment - Board of Appeals**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Brandon D. Witt and the reappointment of James A. Eder to the Cecil County Board of Appeals for a three year term to expire on August 31, 2018.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 4, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on August 18, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**RESOLUTION NO. 45-2015 Appointment - Planning Commission**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Roger Persons and the reappointment of Thomas J. Mullen and B. Patrick Doordan, Jr. to the Planning Commission; terms to expire on August 31, 2018.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on August 4, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on August 18, 2015.

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**RESOLUTION NO. 40-2015 Appointment - Commission on Aging - Sheila Murphy**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Sheila Murphy to the Cecil County Commission on Aging, term to expire on June 30, 2017.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 40-2015.

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. 41-2015 Appointment - Local Development Council - S. Joseph Moore**

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of S. Joseph Moore by the County Executive to the Cecil County Local Development Council to a four-year term to expire on July 31, 2019.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 36-2015.

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. 2015-15 Supplemental Appropriation - Board of Education Capital Improvement Program - BTOP**

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in order to provide an additional \$580,000 of bond revenue and expenditure authority within the Board of Education Capital Projects fund to allow for the final phase of funding of the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) project.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2015-15.

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:

**BILL NO. 2015-16 Budget Transfer - Wastewater Capital Improvement Program - Construct 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, 2016 in order to transfer existing bond budget authority within the Wastewater Capital Improvement Program budget a total amount of \$699,513, of which \$693,555 comes from the Construct Elkton West Sanitary Sewer – Sub-district project, and \$5,958 from the North East Inflow and Infiltration elimination project, to the Construct Highlands Interceptor Sewer project.

Council President Hodge asked Council Members for any questions on this Bill. Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2015-16.

Council President Hodge asked for comments on this Bill. Council Members provided comments.

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 was opposed.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**BILL NO. 2015-17 Budget Transfer - General Fund Capital Improvement Program - Courthouse Roof Replacement Project**

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in order to transfer unencumbered bond budget authority within the General Fund Capital Improvement Program budget to the Courthouse Roof Replacement Project, a total amount of \$59,378.70, of which \$37,203.57 comes from the Health Department Systemic Upgrade completed project and \$22,175.13 from the completed Fuel Management System project.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2015-17.


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 7:56 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, August 18, 2015 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:

  
Robert Hodge  
President

Attest:

  
James Massey  
Council Manager