

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2015-20
October 20, 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 October 20, 2015 was called to order by President Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Hodge led the Council in 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 October 20, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes will be revised to reflect that Councilman Patchell was present for the legislative session. On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the legislative session minutes of October 6, 2015 as amended. Motion was carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Phillip DiPietro, Rising Sun, thanked the Council for support of the public school budget and School of Technology, which helped him gain employment.

Joan DiPietro, Rising Sun, thanked the Council for support of the public school budget and School of Technology, which helped her son to develop needed skills.

Kristina Najera, North East, thanked the Council for support of the public schools.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Patchell attended the Fair Hill International and toured the facility.

Vice President McCarthy had no comments

Councilman Schneckenburger attended the Fraternal Order of Police Crab Feast, Republican Club of Cecil County and Fair Hill International.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the Fraternal Order of Police Crab Feast, Local Management Board, and Planning Commission. She hosted Delegate Teresa Reilly for a day in Cecil County.

Council President Hodge commented on Fair Hill International as a world class event, which brings out of county visitors and revenue into the county.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2015-26 Budget Amendment - Capital Budget - Calvert Regional Park - Jimmy Hans Wild Foundation

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 increase budget authority within the Approved General Fund Parks and Recreation Capital Improvement Program budget by a total of \$20,000 to include a private donation by the Jimmy Hans Wild Foundation towards the basketball courts component of the Calvert Regional Park Project.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, commented on the legislation. Questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on October 20, 2015. The public hearing for Bill No. 2015-26 will be advertised and scheduled on November 17, 2015.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 56-2015 Budget Amendment - Grants - Emergency Services - Hazard Mitigation Program

A Resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in order to provide a total of \$208,455 in additions to the General Fund Grants Budget awarded to the Department of Emergency Services by the Maryland Emergency Management Agency to fund a Hazard Mitigation Program to elevate residences of homeowners living within flood zones.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, commented on the legislation. Questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on October 20, 2015. The public hearing for Resolution No. 56-2015 will be advertised and scheduled on November 17, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 57-2015 Budget Amendment - Grants - Sheriff's Office - Homeland Security

A resolution to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 in order to provide a total of \$7,300 in additions to the General

Fund Grants Budget awarded to the Sheriff's Office – Law Enforcement from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security to assist with the reimbursement for the purchase of a K-9.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, commented on this Resolution. Questions and comments ensued.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on October 20, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on November 3, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 58-2015 Approval - Solid Waste Management Plan 2016-2025

A Resolution to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan 2016-2025, which also includes the Recycling Plan, planning period 2016-2025.

Pete Bieniek, Chief of Solid Waste Division, provided comments on this legislation. Changes in this plan include: revising population projections, removal of Cell 1, removal of virtual stabilizer, and removal of the Harford County Waste to Energy Plant, which has been discontinued. Questions and comments ensued.

Councilman Schneckenburger asked the administration to revise the text on Page II-1 to reflect that Bainbridge is no longer a federal facility.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on October 20, 2015. The public hearing for Resolution No. 58-2015 will be advertised and scheduled on November 17, 2015.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 59-2015 Appointment – Electrical Examiners Board

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment by the County Executive of James Dacey, Richard M. Lebrun, Jr., and Donald Hicks to the Electrical Examiners Board for a three year term to expire on November 3, 2018.

There were no questions or comments on this legislation.

Introduced, read first time and order posted on October 20, 2015 and scheduled for consideration on November 3, 2015.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 49-2015 Amendment – Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council – Expedited Legislation

A Resolution to amend the Council's Policies and Procedures to provide a procedure so that the County Council can expedite legislation when necessary.

There were no questions or comments on this legislation.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 49-2015.

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. 53-2015 Appointment—Economic Development Commission - Michael Lara

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's reappointment of Michael Lara to the Economic Development Commission; term to expire on October 20, 2018.

There were no questions or comments on this legislation.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 53-2015.

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. 55-2015 Appointments—Department of Social Services Board

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Randy Bailey and Natalie Gentry to the Department of Social Services Board for three (3) year terms to expire October 20, 2018.

There were no questions or comments on this legislation.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 55-2015.

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. 2015-19 Amendment - Parks and Recreation - Parks Rules and Regulations

An Act to amend Chapter 261 Parks and Recreation of the Code of Cecil County to provide additional exceptions to the Subsection 261-5(R) Possession of Firearms for persons with permits, licenses and other specified purposes.

There were no questions or comments on this legislation.

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

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

OLD BUSINESS

Rezoning Case 2015-05 Henry L. Ray

Fill: 2015-05; Applicant: Henry L. Ray; Location: 351 & 353 Mechanics Valley Road, North East, MD 21901; Election District: 5; Tax Map: 25-31; Parcels: 1123 and 470; Request to re-designate the Light Industrial (M-1) and Suburban Transition (ST) zoning designations to accurately reflect the usage of the property; Property Owner: Henry L. Ray.

On motion by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the application of Henry L. Ray to rezone his 6.097 acres of property located at 351 and 353 Mechanics Valley Road, North East, Maryland, such that the portion of his property that is presently zoned ST shall be rezoned to M-1 and the portion of his property that is presently zoned M-1 shall be rezoned to ST, based upon a mistake in these zoning classifications made during the last comprehensive rezoning.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Cecil County Public Schools - Budget Amendment #22

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve budget amendment #22.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. by general consensus.

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

Attest:


James Massey, Council Manager

Approved:


Robert Hodge
President

