

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2014-04
March 18, 2014

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:

Dr. Alan McCarthy, Vice President
Joyce Bowsbey, Council Member
Michael Dunn, Council Member
Diana Broomell, Council Member
Robert J. Hodge, President

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 for March 18, 2014 was called to order by President Robert Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Council observed a moment of silence.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

On motion made by, Council Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to amend the agenda to add a special presentation. Motion carried unanimously.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Council presented a proclamation to Chairman, Economic Development Agriculture Advisory Board, Grove Miller, President, Cecil County Farm Bureau, Jonathan Quinn, and Chairman, Cecil County Young Farmers, Wes Miller recognizing Agriculture Week.

PUBLIC HEARING

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Council Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2014 Council Legislative meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Amato, Perryville, commented in opposition to Bill No. 2014-04.
Josh Mangold, Conowingo, commented in support of the Cecil County Public Schools budget.
Leslie Clark, Conowingo, commented in support of the Cecil County Public Schools budget.
Harold McCannick, commented on the Work Session of March 18 and Bill No. 2014-10.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented on Bill No. 2014-10, in support of Bill No. 2014-04, and in opposition to the school budget.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, commented in support of Bill No. 2014-04 and commented on Resolution No. 15-2014.

Richard Boyle, Elkton, commented on Bill No. 2014-04 and property tax credit for seniors.

David Neff, Conowingo, commented in support of Bill 2014-04.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilwoman Broomell testified in Annapolis, in support of SB 730 (cash tolls at Hatem Bridge). Ms. Broomell announced that she has scheduled a public meeting with Ross Peddicord on April 8 at 6:30 regarding the proposed Maryland Horse Park System.

Councilwoman Bowsbey advised the Council that she has been successful in securing county fire halls as locations for DNR gun safety classes.

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

President Hodge stated that the list of roads attached to Bill No. 2014- 10 is not all inclusive; and that additional roads will be included. He also stated that additional mentors are needed for STEM students.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2014-09 Amendment - Electrical Standards. A Bill to amend Part II, Chapter 191 (Electrical Standards) of the Cecil County Code.

Pat Conway, Director of Permits and Inspections, and Richard LaBron, Chairperson of Board of Electrical Examiners, provided information relevant to the bill.

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-09 would be scheduled for a public hearing April 15, 2014 and consideration at the May 6, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2014-10 Budget Ordinance FY 2014 - Capital Projects Budget - Storm Damage

A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for FY2014 to provide additional appropriation authority from unassigned General Fund balance to the General Capital Projects Budget for (a) storm damage to County Roads; and, (b) storm damage to public school bus loops, totaling \$2,000,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014, and to establish an ongoing policy of accounting for road resurfacing efforts in the Capital Budget.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, and Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, provided information relevant to Bill No. 2014-10.

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-10 would be scheduled for a public hearing April 15, 2014 and consideration at the May 6, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2014-11 Budget Ordinance FY 2014 - Grants Budget and General Fund - Various agencies. A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for FY2014 in order to provide \$30,960 in additions to the General Fund Grants Budget, which includes a grant of \$20,000 from Maryland Administrative Office of the Court, a grant of \$4,500 from Project Crossroad/Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework, a grant of \$2,500 from Jerry Skrivanek VFW Post #8185 and a grant of \$3,960 from the Criminal Investigation Division; and an increase in the amount of private donations to \$2,000 for the 2014 Volunteer Recognition Event for fiscal year ending June 30, 2014.

Mr. Wein provided information relevant to Bill No. 2014-11.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-11 would be scheduled for a public hearing April 15, 2014 and consideration at the May 6, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2014-12 Budget Ordinance FY 2014 - Capital Budget - Courthouse Renovation Project
A bill to amend the Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 in order to provide the General Fund's Capital Budget expenditure appropriation authority to authorize \$85,000 of FY2014 fund balance to be added to the Courthouse Renovation project.

Mr. Wein provided information relevant to Bill No. 2014-12.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-12 would be scheduled for a public hearing April 15, 2014 and consideration at the May 6, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 12-2014 Electrical fees. A resolution establishing new fees related to electrical permits, electrical licensing, electrical examination, appeals, special inspections, proceeding without proper inspections or permits, and late fees, in accordance §191-19 of the Cecil County Code.

Mr. Conway provided information relevant to Resolution No. 12-2014.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 12-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the April 1, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 13-2014 Cecil County Strategic Plan -- FY 2014 -2019. A Resolution to approve the five-year Strategic Plan for Cecil County, prepared under the direction of the County Executive for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019.

Mr. Wein provided information relevant to Resolution No. 13-2014. Dr. Diana Lane, Vice President of Student Services and Institutional Effectiveness at Cecil College, provided information regarding the process of the Strategic Plan Committee. Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 13-2014 would be scheduled for a public hearing April 1, 2014 and consideration at the April 15, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 14-2014 Appointment—Weed Control Board. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of William Ewing and Peter Rupp; and to confirm the reappointment of Mark Smith, Anthony James Calao, Charles Robinson, David Hollenbaugh, Dan Webber, and Michael Scheeler to the Cecil County Weed Control Board for a one (1) year term, to expire April 2015.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 14-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the April 1, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 15-2014 Appointment—Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Dianne Fox and Kathy Allen to the Cecil County Adult Public Guardianship Review Board for three (3) year terms, respectively, to expire April 2017.

The Council requested a presentation to explain the functions and membership of the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 15-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the April 1, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 16-2014 Appointment—Local Development Council. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Thomas “Eric” Morsicato to the Cecil County Local Development Council for a four (4) year term, to expire April 2018.

Mr. Wein provided information relevant to Resolution No. 16-2014.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 16-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the April 1, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 17-2014 Appointment—Board of Parks and Recreation. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Traci Bauguess to the Board of Parks and Recreation for a three (3) year term, to expire December 2017.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 17-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the April 1, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 05-2014 As Amended - Amendment – Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council – Cancellation and adjournment of meetings. A Resolution to amend the Council's Policies and Procedures to repeal and reenact Section 2-6 Cancellation and adjournment of meetings, pursuant to Section 303(e) of the Charter of Cecil County.

Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve amendment 1 of Resolution No. 05-2014.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – N. Motion passed by a vote of 4 to 1, with President Hodge opposed.

Discussion ensued.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 05-2014, as amended.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – N, Bowsbey – N, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – N. Motion failed by a vote of 2 to 3, with Vice President McCarthy, Councilwoman Bowsbey and President Hodge opposed.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 08-2014 Appointment—Commission on Aging. A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Leah Youse to the Cecil County Commission on Aging.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 08-2014.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 10-2014 As Amended - Appointments – Citizen’s Budget Advisory Board. A Resolution to establish the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Board for Fiscal Year 2015.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the amendment to Resolution No. 10-2014.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 10-2014 as amended.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. Motion carried unanimously.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2014-04 As Amended - Ethics Commission - Removal of Commission Members. An Act to amend Chapter 39 (Ethics), Article II (Ethics Commission) to add a new section to be titled "Removal of Commission Members" to provide a process to remove Ethics Commission members for cause.

Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve Amendments 1-3 of Bill No. 2014-04.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – N, Bowsbey – N, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – N. Motion failed by a vote of 2 to 3 with Vice President McCarthy, Councilwoman Bowsbey and President Hodge opposed.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2014-04.

Questions and comments ensued.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – N, Bowsbey – N, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – N. Motion failed by a vote of 2 to 3, with Vice President McCarthy, Councilwoman Bowsbey and President Hodge opposed.

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Amendment #08 – Cecil County Public Schools – FY2014 Operating Budget

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Budget Amendment #08.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Dunn – Y, Broomell – Y, Hodge – Y. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 1, 2014 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton.

Approved:

Robert Hodge
Council President

Attest:

James Massey
Council Manager