

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY**  
**LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**LSD 2014-07**  
**April 15, 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the County Council of Cecil County for April 15, 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 approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESENTATIONS OF PROCLAMATIONS/CERTIFICATES**

Cecil County Special Olympics – Patrick Conway

Council members and County Executive Moore presented Cecil County Special Olympics members certificates for their outstanding achievements and a proclamation to the Cecil County Special Olympics Coach, Patrick Conway.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2014-09** – Amendment – Electrical Standard.

A Bill to amend Part II, Chapter 191 (Electrical Standards) of the Cecil County Code. Bill No. 2014-09 was introduced by Council President on behalf of County Executive on March 18, 2014 and scheduled for tentative consideration on May 6, 2014.

Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspections, provided information relevant to the bill.

**Public Comments in Support and Opposition**

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented on the bill.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on the bill.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-09 would be scheduled for tentative 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 Project 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. Bill No. 2014-10 was introduced by Council President on behalf of County Executive on March 18, 2014 and scheduled for tentative consideration on May 6, 2014.

Al Wein, Director of Administration and Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, provided information relevant to Bill No. 2014-10.

#### **Public Comments in Support and Opposition**

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented on the bill.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on the bill.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-10 would be scheduled for tentative 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 & 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. Bill No. 2014-11 was introduced by Council President on behalf of County Executive on March 18, 2014 and scheduled for tentative consideration on May 6, 2014.

#### **Public Comments in Support and Opposition**

No public comments.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-11 would be scheduled for tentative 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. Bill No. 2014-12 was introduced by Council President on behalf of County Executive on March 18, 2014 and scheduled for tentative consideration on May 6, 2014.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided information relevant to Bill No. 2014-12.

#### **Public Comments in Support and Opposition**

No public comments.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2014-13** – Budget Ordinance FY 2014 – Board of Education – Perryville High School Track Replacement. A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 in order to increase the expenditure authority for the Cecil County Board of Education allocation within the General Fund, to provide for a \$250,000 front-funded grant to be expended for the Perryville High School Track Replacement project. Bill No. 2014-13 was introduced by Council President on behalf of County Executive on April 1, 2014 and scheduled for tentative consideration on May 6, 2014.

#### **Public Comments in Support and Opposition**

Libby Richardson, Perryville, commented on the bill.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, commented on the bill.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on the bill.

Dr. Hudson, Port Deposit, commented on the bill.

Jake Moore, Perryville, commented on the bill.

Tom Wilson, Rising Sun, commented on the bill.

Kristy O'Hara, Elkton, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kelly O'Hara, Elkton, spoke in favor of the bill.

David Beard, Lancaster, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tom Kappra, Elkton, commented on the bill.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-13 would be scheduled for tentative consideration at the May 6, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

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. Resolution No. 12-2014 was introduced by

Council President on behalf of County Executive on March 18, 2014 and scheduled for tentative consideration on May 6, 2014.

Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspections, provided information relevant to Resolution 12-2014. Questions and comments ensued.

#### **Public Comments in Support and Opposition**

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in opposition of the resolution.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on the resolution.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution 12-2014 would be scheduled for tentative consideration at the May 6, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On motion made by Council Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the April 1, 2014 Council Legislative meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Regina Roberts, Elkton, spoke in support of the Cecil County Public School budget.

Colleen Edwards, Elkton, spoke in support of the Cecil County Public School budget.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, read a letter from the Maryland Department of the Environment. He commented on infrastructure, Carpenters Point Rd., Bill No. 09-2014, and Perryville High School field house.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, commented on Perryville theatre presentation of "Beauty and the Beast" and available funds from the Perryville casino to help Perryville High School.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on the budget, SB 236 and a certified letter he received from the County.

Ron Lobis, Elkton, commented on the Cecil County budget.

Danny DeMarionis, Elkton, commented on the Cecil County school system.

Christy O'Hara, Elkton, commented on the Cecil County budget.

Jackie Gregory, Elkton, commented on the Cecil County budget and SB236.

#### **PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS**

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Councilwoman Bowsbey had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the Perryville track, the Basell property, a letter from the MDE, cancellation of the Drug and Alcohol Council meeting. She commented on the article in the

Cecil Guardian on coordination and the Horse Park meeting with Ross Peddicord. She also attended the tour of the Cecil County Detention Center.

President Hodge commented on Tier Maps, the Cecil County School budget and Video Lottery Terminal funds for Perryville High School.

### **INTRODUCTION OF BILLS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Bill No. 2014-14** – Budget Transfer – Capital Budget – Star Route Road

A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for FY2014 to transfer existing bond appropriation authority within the Capital Budget in the amount of \$283,700 from completed and closed Roads and Bridges Projects to the Star Route Road East Culvert Replacement (Phase 1) project, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014. Bill No. 2014-14 was introduced by the Council President on behalf of the County Executive and will be scheduled for public hearing on May 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Legislative Session and tentative consideration on June 3, 2014.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided information relevant to the bill. Discussion ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-14 would be scheduled for a public hearing May 20, 2014 and consideration at the June 3, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

### **INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 20-2014** – Appointment – Historic District Commission

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's reappointment of Patricia Folk and Michael Dixon to the Historic District Commission. Resolution No. 20-14 was introduced by the Council President on behalf of the County Executive and is scheduled for tentative consideration on May 6, 2014.

Mr. Wein provided information relevant to the resolution. Discussion ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 20-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the May 6, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

### **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 09-2014** – Amendment – Council Policies and Procedures – Audience Participation

A Resolution to amend the Council's Policies and Procedures, to add to section 3-8, Public Participation at Meetings, pursuant to Section 303(e) of the Charter of Cecil County. Resolution No. 02-2014 was introduced by Councilwoman Broomell on March 4, 2014 and public hearing held on April 1, 2014.

Councilwoman Broomell offered an amendment to Resolution No. 9-2014 to remove the punishment on the Council side, and follow Robert's Rules of Order. This amendment failed because of a lack of a second.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 09-2014.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 13-2014** – Cecil County Strategic Plan FY 2015-2019

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. Resolution No. 13-2014 was introduced by the Council President on behalf of the County Executive on March 18, 2014 and public hearing held on April 1, 2014.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided information relevant to the resolution.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 13-2014.

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. 18-2014** – Appointment – Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Todd Edgecomb to the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board, to fill the vacancy of Ron Graybeal term to expire March 30, 2017. Resolution No. 18-2014 was introduced by the Council President on behalf of the County Executive on April 1, 2014.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 18-2014.

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. 19-2014** Appointment— Commission on Aging

A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Diane Zalewski to the Cecil County Commission on Aging. Resolution No. 19-2014 was introduced by the Council President on behalf of the County Executive on April 1, 2014.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 19-2014.

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 6, 2014 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton.

Approved:

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Robert Hodge  
Council President

Attest:

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James Massey  
Council Manager