

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2014-08
May 20, 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 May 20, 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

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.

Director of Department of Public Works, Scott Flanigan provided information relevant to Bill No. 2014-14.

Questions and comments ensued.

Public Comments in Support and Opposition

David Neff, Conowingo, spoke in support of bill.
Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of bill.

President Hodge advised the public that the public hearing is closed for Bill No. 2014-14 and consideration will be scheduled for the June 3, 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 May 6, 2014 Council Legislative meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Neff, Conowingo, commented on the FY2015 budget.

Donna Caudill, Elkton, spoke in opposition to Calvert Park.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in opposition to Calvert Park and the budget.

Randy Sibold, Perryville, commented on the location of the MARC facility in Perryville.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in opposition to Calvert Park.

James Paraskewich, North East, spoke in support of Calvert Park.

Don Harmer, Elkton, spoke in support of Calvert Park.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on the budget.

Dan Workman, Elkton, spoke in support of Calvert Park.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

Councilwoman Bowsbey reminded the Council of a dedication of the Dr. Robert A. Gibson education program on May 22 at 2:30 p.m. at Elkton Station. She attended the Cecil College graduation on Sunday.

Councilwoman Broomell commented that her brother-in-law agreed to work on a substance abuse video of Cecil County citizens. She reminded the Council of the MACo Substance Abuse Symposium on June 12 at Cecil College. Ms. Broomell was pleased that the Tome School was included in the River Sweep clean up schedule this year.

President Hodge alerted the public that the Exelon Generation Station will be testing their sirens that surround the Peach Bottom Atomic Power Plant on June 4 around 1 p.m. He also thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning & Zoning, presented an update of the Planning & Zoning Annual Report for 2013. He also stated that the Planning Commission approved the 2013 Annual Report at their meeting on May 19, 2014.

Questions and comments ensued.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 26-2014 – Appointment—Commission on Aging. A Resolution to confirm the appointment Wilma Fitzner to the Commission on Aging, for a three year term to expire in June 2017.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 26-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the June 3, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 27-2014 – Appointment—Cecil County Plumbing Board. A Resolution to confirm the County Executive's reappointment of Ronald Dixon, Thomas Vaughn and Melvin "Ted" Reburn to the Cecil County Plumbing Board, term to expire in May 2015.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 27-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the June 3, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 28-2014 – Appointments—Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Beth Remillard and Stevens Remillard to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board for three (3) year terms, respectively, to expire May 2017.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 28-2014 would be scheduled for a consideration at the June 3, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 29-2014 – Appointment—Local Development Council. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Christopher Diebold to the Cecil County Local Development Council to fill the vacancy of Eric Grubb term, to expire August 17, 2014.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 29-2014 would be scheduled for a consideration at the June 3, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 30-2014 – Appointment—Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Norman Anderson, William Ewing, Charles Robinson to the Agricultural Land Preservation Advisory Board, terms to expire in August 2019.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 30-2014 would be scheduled for a public hearing and consideration at the June 3, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 31-2014 – Economic Relief – Multi Axle – Hatem Bridge. A Resolution to request Maryland Transportation Authority to implement an option to the Hatem Discount Plan A or B for multi-axles, also known as third, fourth and fifth axle vehicles on Hatem Bridge.

Councilwoman Broomell provided information relevant to Resolution No. 31-2014.

Discussion and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 31-2014 would be scheduled for a public hearing at the June 17, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF AMENDMENTS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Amendment to Bill No. 2014-07 – Capital Improvement Program

Council President Hodge introduced Amendment No. 1: CECO to Cherry Hill Connection. To eliminate CECO project from Capital Improvement Program in FY 2015 budget, which was proposed by Executive at \$2,800,000.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Bill No. 2014-07. Motion carries unanimously.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Amendment to Bill No. 2014-06 – Annual Budget & Appropriation Ordinance FY 2015

Council President Hodge introduced Amendment No. 1: County Council Operating Budget. To reduce budget allocation in County Council Operating Budget by \$11,900.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Amendment No. 1 to Bill No. 2014-06. Motion carries unanimously.

Council President Hodge introduced Amendment No. 2: Detention Center Operating Budget. To reduce budget allocation in Detention Center Operating Budget by \$13,000.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve Amendment No. 2 to Bill No. 2014-06. Motion carries unanimously.

Council President Hodge introduced Amendment No. 3: Motor Vehicle Operating Budget – Reduction in number of replacement vehicles. To reduce budget allocation in Motor Vehicle Operating budget by \$222,000 to reduce the number of replacement law enforcement patrol units from 18 to 12.

Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve Amendment No. 3 to Bill No. 2014-06. Motion carries unanimously.

Council President Hodge introduced Amendment No. 4: Motor Vehicle Operating Budget – Reduction of \$65,000. To reduce the overall budget allocation in Motor Vehicle Operating Budget by \$65,000.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to approve Amendment No. 4 to Bill No. 2014-06. Motion carries unanimously.

CALL FOR FINAL READING OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2014-07 –As Amended – Capital Improvement Program FY 2015-2019. A Bill to approve the Capital Improvement Program for Cecil County for Fiscal Years 2015 through 2019.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to postpone approval of Calvert Park. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2014-07 with amendment.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2014-08 – Disposal Fees – Central Landfill. A Bill to establish fees and rates for the Cecil County Solid Waste Management System (Central Landfill), on and after the effective date of this bill.

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

Discussion ensued.

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

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2014-06 – As Amended – Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2015. The Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance of Cecil County, Maryland, to adopt the County Budget, consisting of the Current Expense Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, the Capital Budget for the fiscal year June 30, 2015, the Special Purpose Budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, and the Grants Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015; and to appropriate funds for all expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015, as hereinafter indicated.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2014-06, with amendments.

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

ADOPTION OF TAX RATE

Resolution No. 11-2014 – Adoption of Property Tax Rate for FY 2015. A Resolution to adopt and levy a property tax for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 and ending June 30, 2015; setting the tax rates for property and providing for the collection of the property tax.

Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 11-2014.

Discussion ensued.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2014 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton.

Approved:

Robert Hodge
Council President

Attest:

James Massey
Council Manager