

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2014-08
June 17, 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 June 3, 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:

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-axle vehicles on Hatem Bridge.

Councilwoman Broomell provided information relevant to Resolution No. 31-2014. Question and comments ensued.

Public Comments in Support and Opposition

Al Reasin, Conowingo, spoke in support of resolution.
David Neff, Conowingo, spoke in support of resolution.
Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of resolution.
Diane Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of resolution.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 31-2014 will be considered at the July 1, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the June 3, 2014 Council Legislative meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Marlene Matowsky, North East spoke in support of Resolution No. 23-2014.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in support of Resolution No. 25-2014.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville spoke in support of Resolution No. 25-2014.

David Neff, Conowingo, commented on Resolution No. 25-2014, the suicide of the North East High School student and the Center for Disease Control.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the MACo Drug Abuse Symposium and reminded the Council she will not be at the Work Session and Legislative meetings on July 1.

Councilwoman Broomell read a letter that she sent to the Cecil Whig regarding the MACo Summit.

President Hodge thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Bill No. 2014-19 Amendment-Capital Budget-Transfer of Appropriations-Courthouse Renovation Phase 2

An EMERGENCY Act to amend the Capital Budget and Capital Improvement Program for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 in order to transfer \$38,000 of General Fund's Capital Budget bond expenditure appropriation from the Health Department Systemic Upgrades project to the Courthouse Phase II Renovation project for unforeseen asbestos abatement.

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

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-19 would be scheduled for a public hearing July 1, 2014 and tentative consideration at the July 1, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 34-2014 Appointments—Board of Library Trustees

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Anthony LoRusso to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees, term to expire on May 19, 2019.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, provided information regarding resolution.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 34-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the July 1, 2014.

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 35-2014 Appointment—Board of License Commissioners

A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Herrel Curry, Jr. to the Board of License Commissioners, terms to expire in June 2017.

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

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 35-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the July 1, 2014.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

Resolution No. 21-2014 Surplus Property - Near Big Elk Creek Bridge - State Highway Administration

A resolution conveying land, easements and rights in and to the outermost lines designated "Right of Way Line" as shown and/or indicated on SHA Plat No. 54830.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 21-2014.

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. 22-2014 Amendment – Master Water and Sewer Plan - Chesapeake City

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, Chapter 4, §4.1.4B Chesapeake City, to add text regarding the consolidation of the existing wastewater facilities on the north side of town and to amend the sewer service area map to add tax map: 43, Parcel: 26 as an S-2 service area.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 22-2014.

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. 23-2014 Amendment–Master Water and Sewer Plan-438 Red Toad Road-North East

A Resolution to amend the Cecil County Master Water and Sewer Plan, to add tax map: 25, Parcel: 84 to the Sewer Service Areas as a S-2 service area; for property located at 438 Red Toad Road, North East, owned by Mike McCormick and Marlene Matosky.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 23-2014.

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. 24-2014 Designation - Historic District – Keiffer Brick House

A Resolution to establish and designate the property located at One Old Farm House Road, Elkton, MD, District 3, Tax Map 309, Parcel 444 known as the Keiffer Brick House as a Historic District.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 24-2014.

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. 25-2014 Amendment–Policies and Procedures of Cecil County Council–Opening Prayer

A Resolution to amend the Council’s Policies and Procedures to repeal and reenact Section 3-9 Opening Prayer, pursuant to Section 303(e) of the Charter of Cecil County.

Councilwoman Broomell provided information relevant to the resolution.

Council President Hodge introduced Amendment 1 to Resolution No. 25-2014.

Amendment 1 to Resolution No. 25-2014:

On Page 2, lines 17-18, delete the following

"c) Council Members may lead the prayer personally or invite a Pastor or other religious leader, or any member of the public to give the opening prayer".

On Page 2, lines 17-18, insert the following:

"c) Council Members have the option of omitting the invocation, leading a moment of silent prayer, leading the prayer personally or inviting a Pastor or other religious leader, or any member of the public to give the opening prayer".

On motion made by President Hodge, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve Amendment 1 to Resolution No. 25-2014. Motion carries unanimously.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 25-2014, as amended.

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. 32-2014 Approval - Girl Scouts Leadership Experience - Community Investment Tax Credit - Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development

A Resolution to approve support for an application from the Girl Scouts of the Chesapeake Bay for the Leadership Experience Project to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development under the Community Investment Tax Credit Program.

President Hodge provided information regarding Resolution No. 32-2014.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 32-2014.

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. 33-2014 Amendment - Broadband Task Force - Extension

A Resolution to extend the Broadband Task Force to November 1, 2014, in order to complete their charge of developing a plan to expand affordable, reliable, high speed internet services to all Cecil County businesses and residences.

President Hodge provided information regarding Resolution No. 33-2014.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 33-2014.

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. 2014-15 Amendment - Forest Conservation Regulations

An Act to amend the Cecil County Forest Conservation Regulations, Article II, Forest and Tree Conservation Definitions, to add Section 2.58 "Stream Restoration Project"; and Article III.

Applications, to add exemptions for maintenance for retrofitting stormwater management structures and for stream restoration projects to Section 3.2K.

Questions and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Bill No. 2014-15.

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

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 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