

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY**  
**LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES**  
**LSD 2014-14**  
**July 29, 2014**

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:

Dr. Alan McCarthy, Vice President

Joyce Bowlsbey, 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 of July 29, 2014, was called to order by President Robert Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Councilwoman Broomell made a motion to include a charter amendment resolution regarding the removal of Ethics Commission members for cause, which was seconded by Councilman Dunn. The motion failed by a vote of 2 to 3 with Council President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy and Councilwoman Bowlsbey opposed.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Council Manager Massey stated for the record:

**Resolution No. 36-2014 Charter Amendment - Submission of County Budget - Deadline**

A Resolution amending Article 5, Budget and Finance, Section 504, Preparation of the County Budget, of the Cecil County Charter to provide that the County Executive shall prepare and submit a proposed budget to the County Council for the ensuing fiscal year not later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, instead of not later than March 1st; and to require submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Cecil County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Section 602 of the Charter of Cecil County.

**Resolution No. 37-2014 Charter Amendment - Adoption of County Budget - Deadline**

A Resolution amending Article 5, Budget and Finance, Section 507(b), Action on the Budget by Council, of the Cecil County Charter to provide that the adoption of the Budget shall be by the affirmative vote of not less than three members of the Council in a law enacted not later than ~~the third Tuesday in June~~ June 15, instead of not later than May 31, and to require submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Cecil County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Section 602 of the Charter of Cecil County.

**Resolution No. 38-2014 Charter Amendment - Budget Amendment Process**

A Resolution amending Article 5, Budget and Finance, Section 507, Action on the Budget by Council, of the Cecil County Charter to add a new subsection (c) authorizing amendment to the Annual Budget

and Appropriation by resolution approved by the affirmative vote of not less than three members of the Council; and to require submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Cecil County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Section 602 of the Charter of Cecil County.

**Resolution No. 39-2014 Charter Amendment - Bonding of Officers - Bonding Amount**

A Resolution amending Article 6, Miscellaneous, Section 605, Bonding of Officers, of the Cecil County Charter to provide that officers of the County who have possession of or control over any County funds shall be bonded for the faithful performance of their duties in an amount that equals or exceeds \$500,000; instead of an amount that equals or exceeds two percent of the County's total budgeted expenditures for a given year; and to require submission of this amendment to the legally qualified voters of Cecil County for their adoption or rejection in accordance with Section 602 of the Charter of Cecil County.

Al Wein, Director of Administration, gave introductory remarks and Jason Allison, County Attorney, provided information relevant to Resolution Nos. 36-2014, 37-2014, 38-2014, and 39-2014. Mr. Allison provided the ballot text for the four local questions based on these resolutions.

Mr. Allison also responded to questions from Council Members.

**Public Comments in Support and Opposition**

David Neff, Conowingo, commented on these resolutions.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in opposition to these resolutions.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, spoke in opposition to these resolutions.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on these resolutions.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution Nos. 36-2014, 37-2014, 38-2014 and 39-2014 will be considered at the August 5, 2014 Council Legislative meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 5, 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