

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2014-21
December 2, 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:

Robert Hodge, Council President
Dr. Alan McCarthy, Vice President
Joyce Bowsbey, Council Member
George Patchell, Council Member
Dan Schneckenburger, Council Member

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 December 2, 2014 was called to order by President Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council President Hodge led the Council in a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of October 21, 2014. Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0, Councilman Patchell and Councilman Schneckenburger abstained.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mary Rogers, Elkton, welcomed the new Council.

Rob Lobos, Elkton, welcomed the Council. He commented on Citizens Corner and the budget.

Harold McCannick, Elk Neck, commented on the inauguration, sequence of the legislative meeting agenda and government subsidies to farms.

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, welcomed the new Council. He commented on Citizens Corner, the new Councils' decisions, bonds and the Planning Commission meeting.

Tom Brady, Elkton, commented on school staffing.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, congratulated the new Council members. She commented on an article in the Guardian – Pet Parade.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Schneckenburger thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. He commented on the Hatem Bridge Work group meeting on December 4 and the meeting with the State Delegation on December 8.

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented on Calvert Park funding and the inauguration.

Councilman Patchell thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and commented on working well with the County Executive.

Vice President McCarthy thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and commented on working harmoniously.

President Hodge reminded everyone of the lighting of the Jackson Station Holly Tree on December 6. He commented on the Planning Commission recommendations of the Master Water and Sewer Plan.

INTRODUCTIN OF BILLS

Bill No. 2014-31 Approval – Agricultural Preservation District – Dudkewitz Property. A Bill to approve the petition of David and Charlotte Dudkewitz for the property located at 1777 Appleton Road, Elkton, MD 21921 requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

Steve O’Connor, Cecil County MALPF Program Administrator, provided information relevant to bill.

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-31 would be scheduled for a public hearing on January 6, 2015 and tentative consideration at the January 20, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

Bill No. 2014-32 Approval – Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Brewer Property. A Bill to approve the petition of Rodney & Rebecca Brewer for the property of 832 Lombard Rd. Rising Sun, MD 21911 (Tax Map 5, Grid 15, Parcels 7, 83 & 153) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

Steve O’Connor, Cecil County MALPF Program Administrator, provided information relevant to bill.

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-32 would be scheduled for a public hearing on January 6, 2015 and tentative consideration at the January 20, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 60-2014 Approval – Designation of Historic District – Cross Keys Tavern. A Bill to approve the petition of Rodney & Rebecca Brewer for the property of 832 Lombard Rd. Rising Sun, MD 21911 (Tax Map 5, Grid 15, Parcels 7, 83 & 153) requesting a recommendation of approval to submit an application for the purchase of an easement to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided information relevant to resolution.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 60-2014 would be scheduled for a public hearing on January 6, 2015 and tentative consideration at the January 20, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 61-2014 Approval – Designation of Historic District – Hebron's Gift. A Resolution to establish and designate the property located at 211 Brick Meetinghouse Road, North East, MD, District 9, Tax Map 12, Parcel 3 known as the Hebron's Gift as a Historic District.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided information relevant to resolution.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 61-2014 would be scheduled for a public hearing on January 6, 2015 and tentative consideration at the January 20, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 62-2014 Approval – Master Water and Sewer Plan 2014. A Resolution to repeal the Master Water and Sewer Plan 2010 in its entirety and reenact the Master Water and Sewer Plan 2014.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided information relevant to resolution.

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 62-2014 would be scheduled for a public hearing on January 6, 2015 and tentative consideration at the January 20, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 63-2014 Appointment – Adult Public Guardianship Review Board. A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Mary Falkenstein to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board for three (3) year terms, to expire on December 31, 2017.

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

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 63-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the December 16, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 64-2014 Appointment – Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Danielle Ennis to the Cecil County

Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board for three (3) year terms to expire December 31, 2017.

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

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 64-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the December 16, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 65-2014 Appointment – Animal Care and Control Oversight Commission. A Resolution to confirm the appointment by the County Executive of Mary Rodgers to serve the remaining term of Kerriane Hanlin on the Animal Care and Control Oversight Committee, to expire on February 19, 2017.

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

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 65-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the December 16, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 66-2014 Appointment – Board of Public Library Trustees. A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Samuel H. Hartman to the Cecil County Board of Library Trustees, term to expire on December 31, 2019.

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

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 66-2014 would be scheduled for consideration at the December 16, 2014 Council Legislative Session.

NEW BUSINESS - Budget Amendment #13

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approved Budget Amendment #13.

Discussion ensued. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2014 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:

Robert Hodge
President

Attest:

James Massey
Council Manager