

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
LEGISLATIVE SESSION MINUTES
LSD 2014-22
December 16, 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 Bowlsbey, Council Member
Dan Schneckenburger, Council Member
George Patchell, 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 16, 2014 was called to order by President Hodge at 7:00 p.m. and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Council Vice President McCarthy led the Council in a moment of silence.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of December 2, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Joe Carabetta, Perryville, wished everyone Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. He commented on the road conditions on Carpenters Point Road, school board budget and the County Executive.

Ron Lobos, Elkton, commented on economic development and the school budget.

Diane Carabetta, Perryville, wished the Council Merry Christmas. She commented on the County Executive.

PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL COMMENTS

Councilman Schneckenburger wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Patchell wished everyone Merry Christmas.

Vice President McCarthy wished Merry Christmas to everyone.

Councilwoman Bowsbey wished Merry Christmas to everyone.

President Hodge wished Merry Christmas to everyone.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS

Bill No. 2014-33 Budget Amendment – Capital budget – Grant Funds – Calvert Regional Park.

A Bill to amend the annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 in order to add \$125,000 in grant funding from the State of Maryland within the Capital Budget for the Calvert Regional Park Development project.

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

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-33 would be scheduled for a public hearing on January 20, 2015 and tentative consideration at the February 3, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

Bill No. 2014-34 Approval – Preservation District – Powell Property.

A Bill to approve the petition of James and Marilyn Powell for property located at 168 Chandlee Road, Rising Sun, MD 21911 (Tax Map 4, Grid 23, Parcel 65) requesting the establishment of an agricultural preservation district.

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

President Hodge advised the public that Bill No. 2014-34 would be scheduled for a public hearing on January 20, 2015 and tentative consideration at the February 3, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 67-2014 Budget Amendment – Grant Revenue – Various departments and agencies.

A bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015 in order to provide a total of \$141,500 in additions to the General Fund Grants Budget awarded to the Department of Emergency Services (\$1,500), the Circuit Court (\$15,000), and the Health Department (\$125,000) and to provide a total of \$25,000 in additions to the Senior Services and Community Transit Fund Grants Budget for a grant from the State of Maryland Office of the Governor's Volunteer Generation Fund.

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 67-2014 would be scheduled for tentative consideration at the January 6, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 68-2014 Reappointments—Bainbridge Development Corporation Board of Directors—Michael R. Pugh and Martha Barchowsky

A Resolution to confirm the reappointment of Michael R. Pugh and the appointment of Martha Barchowsky to the Bainbridge Development Corporation terms to expire in January 2019.

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

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 68-2014 would be scheduled for a tentative consideration at the January 6, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

Resolution No. 69-2014 Appointment—Public Safety Employee Pension Plan Board of Trustees - Bruce Diehl and Angie Blodgett

A Resolution to confirm the appointment of Bruce Diehl and the reappointment of Angie Blodgett by the County Executive to the Public Safety Employee Pension Plan Board of Trustees, term to expire on December 2017 and December 2018, respectively.

Al Wein, Director of Administration and Winston Robinson, Director of Finance, provided information relevant to resolution.

Questions and comments ensued.

President Hodge advised the public that Resolution No. 69-2014 would be scheduled for a tentative consideration at the January 6, 2015 Council Legislative Session.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 63-2014 Reappointment – Adult Public Guardianship Review Board – Mary Falkenstein. 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.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 63-2014.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Schneckenburger – Y, Patchell – Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 64-2014 Appointment – Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board – Danielle Ennis. 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.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 64-2014.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell – Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

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

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Patchell, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 65-2014.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell – Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 66-2014 Reappointment – Board of Public Library Trustees – Samuel Hartman. 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.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve Resolution No. 66-2014.

Roll Call Vote: McCarthy – Y, Bowsbey – Y, Schneckenburger - Y, Patchell - Y, Hodge - Y. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 7:34 p.m. by general consensus.

The next Council Legislative Session is scheduled for Tuesday, January 6, 2015 in the Elk Room of the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton, Maryland.

Approved:

Robert Hodge
President

Attest:

James Massey
Council Manager