BILL NO. 2018-05

Title of Bill: Amendment – Capital Budget FY 2018 – Wastewater Capital Project – Grant Award – Construct CECO to Cherry Hill Connection

Synopsis: A Bill to amend the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 in order to provide grant appropriation authority from the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) of $2,850,000 to the Wastewater Capital Improvement Program for the construction of a force main and pump station to connect the sewer collection system in Manchester Park (CECO Utilities, Inc.) to the Cherry Hill Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Introduced by: Council President on behalf of the County Executive

Introduced, read first time and ordered posted on: May 1, 2018
Public hearing scheduled: June 5, 2018 at: 7:00 p.m.
Scheduled for Consideration: June 19, 2018

By: ______________________________
   Council Manager

Public Hearing

Notice of time and place of public hearing and title of Bill have been posted by ____ at the County Administration Building, 200 Chesapeake Blvd., Elkton and having been published according to the Charter on ____, a public hearing was held on ___, and concluded on ___.

By: ______________________________
   Council Manager

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE LANGUAGE ADDED TO EXISTING RESOLUTION
Strike through indicates language deleted from existing Resolution
Underlining indicates language added to Resolution by Amendment
Double Strike Through indicates language stricken out of Resolution by Amendment
WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 505 of the Cecil County Charter, on April 1, 2017, the County Executive submitted a proposed budget to the County Council for Fiscal Year 2018; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 506 of the Cecil County Charter, the County Council held public hearings on the proposed budget submitted by the County Executive for Fiscal Year 2018; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 507(b) of the Cecil County Charter, on June 15, 2017, the Budget for Cecil County was adopted for Fiscal Year 2018; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive is revising the Fiscal Year 2018 Wastewater Capital Projects Budget to add the following grant award:

a) To add the $2,850,000 grant award to the County from the Maryland Department of the Environment to completely design and build the pump station, force main and pipe needed to serve Manchester Park (CECO Utilities, Inc.); and

WHEREAS, such a grant is needed to provide a solution for the privately owned wastewater treatment facility that serves the Manchester Park development; and

WHEREAS, the current facility is out of compliance with MDE regulations and the owners do not have the means to build a new WWTP to serve the community; and

WHEREAS, the County has agreed to install infrastructure that would connect Manchester Park to the County’s Cherry Hill Waste Water Treatment Plant, and to thereafter take ownership of and retire the failing system, as long as MDE provided the necessary funding to build the necessary infrastructure to connect to the Cherry Hill WWTP; and

WHEREAS, an agreement has now been signed by CECO Utilities, Inc., that provides for the eventual transfer of ownership of the CECO facility and Manchester Park customers to the County in exchange for the County administering the grant funding provided by MDE, building the new infrastructure, and connecting Manchester Park customers to the Cherry Hill WWTP; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Cecil County, Maryland for Fiscal Year 2018 is hereby amended to add a grant of $2,850,000 from the Maryland Department of the Environment to the Wastewater Capital Improvement Program in order to build the infrastructure to decommission CECO Utilities, Inc. and connect the community to the Cherry Hill WWTP.
AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY, MARYLAND, that this Act shall take effect 60 calendar days from the date it becomes law.

CERTIFICATION

I, HEREBY CERTIFY that the above Bill was posted for the public on the public bulletin board with the date, time and location of the public hearing meeting, copies were made available for the public, a copy was distributed to the press, and copy was made available on the Cecil County website.

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BY: Council Manager