

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
August 4, 2015

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, George Patchell and Dan Schneckenburger; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; Patrick Conway, Director of Permits and Inspections; David Hollenbaugh, Deputy Director of Public Works; Phillip Muzik, Chief of Engineering and Inspections Division, Department of Public Works; Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager; Steve Kuhls, Facilities Manager; Sandra Turner, Tourism Director; Krista Gilmore, Volunteer and Community Resource Coordinator, Senior Services; James Massey, Council Manager; Terry Hale, Council Assistant; members of the press; and members of the public.

OPEN SESSION – Elk Room

9:00 a.m. – President Hodge called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and determined a quorum.

NOTE: Audio recording of this meeting is available on the County website www.ccgov.org.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the Council work session of July 21, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Bassmasters Event

Sandra Turner, Tourism Director, summarized the plans for the upcoming Bassmasters events being held on August 12 to 15.

55+ Healthy Life Expo

Krista Gilmore, Volunteer and Community Resource Coordinator, Senior Services, presented information about the Healthy Life Expo to be held on August 6.

Discussion - State Legislative Initiatives

Council President Hodge stated that the Council and administration will be meeting with the delegation to discuss possible state initiatives. The Council reviewed possible issues including the post-closing landfill procedure, microbreweries, horse park support, casino fund manager, substance abuse funding and the extension of MARC service to Elkton.

Councilman Schneckenburger suggested the topic of highway user funds. Councilwoman Bowsbey suggested stronger sentencing guidelines for drug dealers.

Council President Hodge asked Council Members to continue to review possible initiatives.

Review of Legislative Agenda

Council President Hodge led a review of the legislative agenda.

Council Members provided questions and comments about Bill No. 2015-13 Amendment - Building Code and Bill No. 2015-14 Amendment - Plumbing Code, which are scheduled for public hearing at tonight's session.

Mr. Conway summarized the changes for this legislation and the impact on Cecil County.

Mr. Wein provided comments about Bill No. 2015-18 Amendment - Animal Care and Control Ordinance, which will be introduced at tonight's session.

He requested an amendment to the legislation to specify the effective date of January 1, 2016, in order to coincide with the new contract for animal control services.

Council Members provided questions and comments about the legislation. Council President Hodge requested the Council Attorney to provide clarification of "crime of moral turpitude".

Mr. Sennstrom provided information about Resolution No. 43-2015 Tax Credit - Historic Property- Brickhouse II, which indicated the fiscal impact of this resolution to be \$2,572.04.

Council Members commented on Bill No. 2015-16 Budget Transfer - Wastewater Capital improvement Program - Construct Highlands Interceptor Sewer Project, which will be considered at tonight's session.

Mr. Hollenbaugh and Mr. Muzak provided details about the funding for Elkton West project. Mr. Whiteford provided more financial details about the Elkton West project. Questions and comments ensued. Councilman Schneckenburger expressed his concern that Scott Flanigan, Director of Public Works, has not provided an update of Elkton West to the Council.

The Council discussed Bill No. 2015-17 Budget Transfer - General Fund Capital Improvement Program - Courthouse Roof Replacement Project.

Mr. Wein asked Mr. Kuhls to review the recent incident regarding a minor fire on the Courthouse roof.

COUNCIL MANAGER REPORT

Mr. Massey provided a schedule of programs at the MACo Summer Conference for review. He also stated that the Eastern Shore Local Government Exchange will be held on September 24 in Easton.

COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

Councilman Schneckenburger congratulated Dr. Mary Bolt who was selected as the College President of Cecil College.

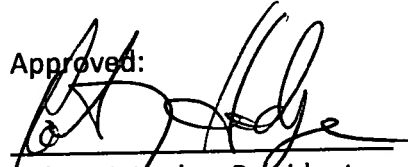
Councilwoman Bowsbey commented on serving chicken at the Cecil County Fair. She also attended the announcement of Dr. Bolt's selection as College President.

Councilman Patchell, Vice President McCarthy and President Hodge had no comments.

ADJOURNMENT

President Hodge adjourned the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager

