

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 04, 2014**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn and Diana Broomell; Tari Moore, County Executive; Al Wein, Director of Administration; County Attorney, Jason Allison; James Massey, Council Manager; Teri Birney, 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.

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

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to postpone approval of the Work Session meeting minutes for February 25, 2014.

Council President Hodge reminded the Council what the contents of meeting minutes are to include, according to Robert's Rules of Order.

The motion passes 3-2, with Councilwoman Bowsbey and Council Vice President McCarthy opposed.

Discussion – Letter of Support-Vote Tally

Council discussed on whether a vote tally should be included with a letter of support. Discussion and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to present the letters of support on a case by case basis stating what the Council wants to do and the majority rules; the names will not be included.

Councilwoman Broomell made a motion to amend the previous motion to include the vote if the committee requests it.

The motion was seconded by Councilman Dunn, but failed by a vote of 2-3.

The original motion by Vice President McCarthy passed by 3-2.

Council budget hearings - schedule

The Council led a discussion on changing the time of the budget hearing for March 11 from 1:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Discussion and comments ensued.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey the Council moved to change the time of the March 11 budget hearing from 1:30 p.m. to 12:00 p.m. Discussion and comments ensued.

The motion carries 5-0.

Location of Council meetings during Early Voting

The Council discussed changing the location of the Council meetings during early voting from the Elk Room to the Elkton Town Hall.

Discussion and comments ensued.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell the Council moved to change the location of the Council meetings during early voting to the Elkton Town Hall. Discussion and comments ensued.

The motion failed 4-1, with Councilwoman Bowsbey, Councilman Dunn, Vice President McCarthy and President Hodge opposed.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey the Council moved to conduct the Council meetings in the Senior Center, provided it does not impact the seniors. Discussion ensued. The motion failed 3-2, with Councilwoman Broomell, Councilman Dunn, and President Hodge opposed.

Council Manager Massey was asked to determine if there was adequate microphones and audio recording at the Senior Center.

Requests for Presentations

The Council discussed requests for presentations related to Councilwoman Broomell request to meet with Executive Director Bruce Gartner from the Maryland Transportation Authority. The Council President has the approval of the agenda and must approve requests for presentations.

Discussion and comments ensued.

Review of State Legislation Log

The Council reviewed the State Legislative log. Discussion and comments ensued.

Letters of Support

The Council discussed the request for a letter of support for the Plumpton Park Zoo amendment to HB 1124 and SB 827. (Plumpton Park Zoo Amendment to Possession of Dangerous & Wild Animals)

Council agreed by consensus.

The Council discussed HB 1144, Upper Shore Community Mental Health Center. The Council decided to send a letter of opposition for HB 1144 by consensus.

Review of legislative session agenda

The Council reviewed the legislative session agenda. Director of Administration Al Wein provided information relevant to the FY 2015 Budget Ordinance being introduced in the Legislative Session. Discussion and comments ensued.

Councilwoman Broomell led discussion on her legislation, Resolution No. 09-2014, Amendment – Council Policies and Procedures – Audience Participation and Bill No. 2014-04, Ethics Commission – Removal of Members. Discussion and comments ensued.

The Council discussed the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Board appointments relevant to Resolution No. 10-2014. The Council discussed revising the Citizens volunteer application. Discussion and comments ensued

An additional member, Bill Green, will be appointed by amendment.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey informed the Council Jeff Otto from Harborrock will be at the March 11th Work Session. Mr. Massey also reviewed the following meetings with the Council; March 18, Aberdeen Proving Ground JLENS (Joint Land Attack Cruise Missile Defense Elevated Netted Sensor System), March 25th, Board of Health – Drug and Alcohol Council. On March 5th the Broadband Task Force will be meeting. Mr. Massey informed the Council the Independent Auditors Request for Proposal will be ready by the end of the week. Discussion and comments ensued.

Council Member Items

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Councilwoman Broomell attended the MACo meeting and the Clean Chesapeake Coalition. Discussion ensued regarding coordination.

Councilwoman Bowsbey was not able to attend the Infants and Toddlers meeting because of the Council coordination Workshop meeting. Ms. Bowsbey attended the retirement of Nick Riscuitti on Thursday, on Friday she attended the Patriots Pens and Voice of Democracy Awards at the VFW in Port Deposit, Saturday afternoon she attended the American Legion Auxiliary – Creative Arts Festival Perry Point, and Saturday evening attended the 4-H Achievement Night at Fair Hill.

Council Vice President McCarthy attended the Clean Chesapeake Coalition meeting. Discussion and comments ensued.

Council President Hodge had no comments.

CLOSED SESSION

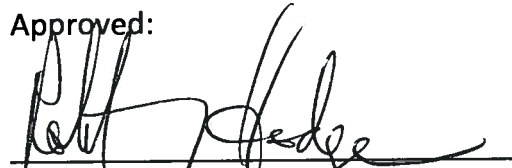
10:53 AM

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey the Council moved to convene in Closed Session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government, 10-508 (a) (8) to consult with staff, consultants, or other individuals about pending or potential litigation. Council, Counsel and staff.

ADJOURNMENT

Council Vice President McCarthy moved to adjourn the meeting by general consensus at 11:35 a.m.

Approved:


Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:


James Massey
Council Manager