

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
March 11, 2014 (as amended)**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn and Diana Broomell; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; Tony DiGiacomo, Principal Planner; James Massey, Council Manager; Teri Birney, Council Assistant; Jeff Otto, President of HarborRock; 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, the Council moved to postpone approval of the work session minutes of February 25, 2014. The motion fails for a lack of a second.

On a motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to review the audio recording of February 11, 2014. The motion fails for a lack of a second.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the work session minutes of February 25, 2014. Discussion and comments ensued. The motion carries 4-1, with Councilwoman Broomell opposed.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the work session minutes of March 4, 2014. Motion carries unanimously.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of the closed session held on March 4, 2014. Motion carries unanimously.

Presentation - HarborRock

Jeff Otto, President of HarborRock, made a presentation to explain his company's process to convert dredged sediment into lightweight aggregate for use in construction, and his proposal to work with the Maryland Port Authority and Conowingo Dam. Discussion and comments ensued.

Council budget hearings - schedule

The Council budget hearing scheduled was reviewed. After the presentations, Council Members and Citizens Budget Advisory Board will discuss the presentations and possible recommendations.

The Council also discussed amending Resolution No. 10-2014 to increase the number of board members to the Citizen's Advisory Board. Council Manager Massey informed the Council the non-profits have been added to the April 15 budget hearing schedule. Discussion and comments ensued.

Location of Council meetings during Early Voting

The Council discussed alternate locations for Council sessions during early voting. The Council discussed the need for adequate audio recording of these meetings. Mr. Massey is looking at alternate sites at the Senior Center and Elkton Town Hall. Council Manager Massey was asked to continue researching a facility with adequate audio and recording capabilities.

Review of State Legislation Log

The Council reviewed the State Legislative log. Discussion and comments ensued. HB 389 (cash tolls at Hatem Bridge) is being amended to require MDTA to postpone implementation of video tolling and conduct a study of the effects of eliminating cash tolls. MDE is requesting that HB 945 (Sludge notice) be withdrawn and has drafted a Memorandum of Understanding between Cecil County Government and MDE. The administration approves of the MOU. The Council discussed supporting the Memorandum of Understanding.

On motion made by President Hodge, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to support sending a Memorandum of Understanding. The motion carries 4-1, with Councilwoman Broomell opposed.

Discussion – Cecil County FY 2015 Transportation Priorities

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning and Tony DiGiacomo, Principal Planner, provided an overview of the Cecil County FY 2015 Transportation Priorities. Discussion and comments ensued.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey informed the Council that the Sheriff's Office will make a presentation on March 18 regarding their substance abuse programs at the Detention Center, and Charles MacLeod from Clean Chesapeake Coalition will make a presentation on April 1 about the use of coordination. The Broadband Task Force will be meeting on March 19. The Independent Auditors Request for Proposal has been forwarded to Purchasing Department. Discussion and comments ensued.

Council Member Items

Councilwoman Broomell was unable to attend the public hearing on the horizontal expansion of County Landfill and requested a copy of presentation from Al Wein he agreed to provide. Ms. Broomell informed the Council of a meeting with Ross Peddicord regarding the State Horse Park proposal on March 28, 6:30 p.m. in the Elk Room of the Administration Building, which may need to be rescheduled due to a new public meeting policy. She also commented on the cancelled Drug and Alcohol Council meeting and read an email from Carrie Miller about the County's drug abuse problem. She attended a drug abuse forum on March 6 at Rising Sun High

School in which Rick Dunlap was the speaker.

Councilwoman Bowsbey will be attending the Upper Bay Council Fundraiser on March 28. Ms. Bowsbey responded to Carrie Miller's email regarding her comments during the Citizens Corner.

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

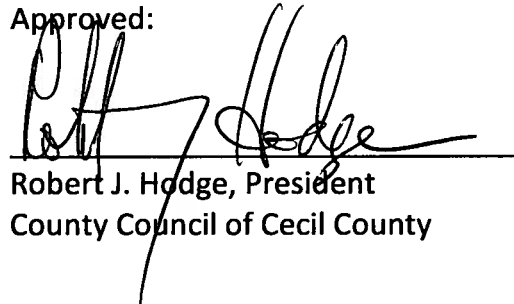
Council Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

Council President Hodge advised the Council of a new policy from the Administration prohibiting public meetings on Monday or Friday evenings. Council Manager Massey was asked to distribute the new policy to Council Members. He stated that the State Highway Administration will be working on the intersection of Route 272 and Tiger Drive. He also commented on the Drug and Alcohol Council.

ADJOURNMENT

Council President Hodge adjourned the meeting by general consensus at 11:29 a.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager

