

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORK SESSION MINUTES
December 2, 2014**

PRESENT: Council Members: President Hodge, Vice President McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Dan Schneckenburger, and George Patchell; Al Wein, Director of Administration; Jason Allison, County Attorney; Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning; Stephen O'Connor, Cecil County MALPF Program Administrator; 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.

President Hodge welcomed everyone and asked Council Members to introduce themselves.

Special Presentation – Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

County Executive Moore congratulated the Finance Department for receiving the Government Finance Officers Association Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. Winston Robinson, Director of Finance; Lisa Saxton, Deputy Director; and Rebecca Anderson, Accounting Manager were recognized for their efforts.

Approval of Minutes

On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the minutes of November 18, 2014. Motion carried by a vote of 3 to 0. Mr. Schneckenburger and Mr. Patchell abstained.

Selection of Council President

The Council led a discussion in selection of the Council President. On a motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to appoint Robert Hodge as Council President. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. President Hodge abstained.

Selection of Council Vice President

On a motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Schneckenburger, the Council moved to appoint Alan McCarthy as Council Vice President. Motion carried by a vote of 4 to 0. Vice President McCarthy abstained.

Council Appointments for service on Boards and Commissions

The Council led a discussion for appointments to serve on Boards and Commissions. Discussion ensued. President Hodge asked County Attorney Allison for information regarding a Council representative to the Bainbridge Development Corporation Board. Councilwoman Bowsbey

suggested that each Council Member should give a brief report after attending their assigned meetings.

Discussion – State legislative initiatives

The Council led a discussion regarding state legislative initiatives. Discussion ensued. On December 8, the Council and Administration will meet with the state delegation to discuss their legislative requests. The Council requested a meeting with the County Executive prior to December 8 to discuss state legislative initiatives.

Discussion – Hatem Bridge Work Group

The Council led a discussion regarding the Hatem Bridge Work Group that met November 13 to reduce tolls on the Hatem Bridge. The next meeting of the group will meet December 4 at 2 p.m. in the Elk Room.

Approval of 2015 meeting schedule

The Council reviewed the meeting schedule for 2015, discussion ensued. By general consensus the Council approved the meeting schedule.

Review of legislative agenda

Steve O'Connor, MALPF Program Administration, provided information relevant to Bill No. 2014-31 – Approval – Agricultural Preservation District – Dudkewitz Property and Bill No. 2014-32 – Approval – Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation – Brewer Property. Questions and comments ensued.

Eric Sennstrom, Director of Planning and Zoning, provided information relevant to Resolution No. 60-2014 – Approval – Designation of Historic District – Cross Keys Tavern, Resolution No. 61-2014 – Approval – Designation of Historic District – Hebron's Gift, and Resolution No. 62-2014 – Approval – Master Water and Sewer Plan 2014. Discussion ensued. Mr. Sennstrom was asked to work with Mr. Massey to draft an amendment regarding the county's process when a municipality proposes to extend their service beyond their corporate limits.

Craig Whiteford, Budget Manager, provided information relevant to the Cecil County Public Schools Budget Amendment #13.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey reviewed the schedule of events and meetings, including the Hatem Bridge Toll Work Group on December 4, the North East Parade on December 6, Jackson Holly Tree lighting on December 6, the State Delegation meeting on December 8, ribbon cutting at the Central Landfill on December 8, Youth Town Hall on December 9, MACo half-day Immersion Training in Annapolis on December 10, and the Clean Chesapeake Coalition on December 10. He reminded Council Members that the County Executive and County Council will sponsor an open house on December 19 at noon. The next Council Work Session will be December 9 at 9 a.m.

Council Member Items

Councilman Schneckenburger commented on the inauguration.

Councilman Patchell had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy commented on the new Council members and the coming year.

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented that she was looking forward to working with the new Council.

President Hodge commented on the new Council and the Army Corps of Engineers refusal to provide an alternate water supply to the Pearce Creek area residents.

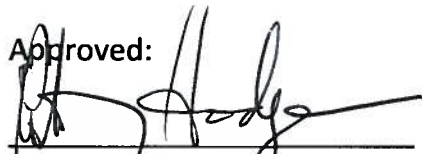
CLOSED SESSION

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Patchell, the Council moved to go in to Closed Session at 10:34 a.m. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

By general consensus, the Council adjourned the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



James Massey
Council Manager

