

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
JANUARY 29, 2013

PRESENT: President Hodge, Council Members Broomell, Dunn, and Bowsbey, Director of Administration Al Wein, Finance Director Winston Robinson, Human Resources Director Donna Nichols, Budget Manager Craig Whiteford, Senior Accountant Becky Anderson, Acting Council Manager Vicky Rinkerman, Administrative Assistant Robin McCann, members of the press, and members of the public.

ABSENT: Vice President McCarthy

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 motion made Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve the January 22, 2013 Worksession meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the January 22, 2013 Closed Worksession meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Closed Session Minutes

The Council convened in closed session on January 22, 2013 at 11:15 am. On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code, State Government 10-508 (a) (1) to discuss a personnel matter relating to the applications and appointment of an individual to the Council Attorney position and Council Manager position, and State Government 10-502 Administrative Function for budgetary preparation/administration for the County Council budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Council members and Human Resources Director Donna Nichols discussed the Council Manager position.

Council concurred to authorize Director Donna Nichols to schedule second interviews with the applicants for Council Manager position and to appoint Vicky Rinkerman as Acting Council Manager.

Council members discussed the applicants for the Council Attorney position and the draft Council office budget.

The closed session meeting was adjourned at 12:53 PM

Redistricting Commission

Councilwoman Bowsbey reviewed the redistricting commission per Charter Government, section 712.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the redistricting commission.

Preliminary Budget Presentation

Director of Administration Al Wein reviewed the preliminary budget.

Budget Manager Craig Whiteford reviewed the budget process, effective December 3, 2012 per Charter Government. He reminded the public of the Town Hall meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at 7:00 pm at the County Administration building.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the preliminary budget.

Cecil Leadership Institute

Director Lee Dougherty reviewed the Cecil Leadership Institute program.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Cecil Leadership Institute program.

Council Items

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented on the North East Rotary Club event.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the EZ pass at the Hatem Toll Plaza, MACo Legislative Committee meeting, and the Clean Chesapeake Coalition meeting.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to appoint Councilwoman Broomell to the Clean Chesapeake Coalition Committee, contingent upon her agreement to resign one of her other appointments.

VOTE: Hodge - N, Bowsbey - Y, Dunn - N, Broomell - N. Motion failed by a vote of 3 in opposition and 1 in favor.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Clean Chesapeake Coalition Committee appointment.

On motion made by Councilman Dunn, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell the Council moved to appoint Councilwoman Broomell to the Clean Chesapeake Coalition Committee.

VOTE: Hodge - Y, Bowsbey - N, Dunn - Y, Broomell - Y. Motion carried by a vote of 3 in favor and 1 in opposition.

Councilwoman Broomell advised the Council that the Clean Chesapeake Coalition committee has requested a county representative for the Technical Committee. Director of Administration Al Wein advised the Council that Tony DiGiacomo, Principal Planner, has accepted the appointment to the Technical Committee.

Councilwoman Broomell attended a Rural County Coalition coordination meeting and advised the Council that she would like to establish a temporary Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee.

Present Hodge requested a motion to draft a Resolution to establish a temporary Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding establishing a temporary Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee.

Councilman Dunn suggested postponing the discussion until the Council's next Worksession meeting, on Tuesday, February 5, 2013.

The Council concurred to discuss this matter further at the Council's next Worksession meeting.

Councilman Dunn commended Director Flanigan and staff for responding to the complaint of a large sink hole located in Glen Farms.

President Hodge advised the public that an effort was made by the General Assembly to repeal the Sustainable Growth **and Preservation Act** ~~Legislation, and Ag Preservation~~ (as amended 1.29.13) in an attempt to repeal property rights within Cecil County, Weed Control Advisory Board, and the Upper Shore Regional Council committee.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Upper Shore Regional Council committee.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion made by Councilman Dunn, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Approved:



Robert J. Hodge, President
County Council of Cecil County

Attest:



Vicky Rinkerman, Acting Council Manager