

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
MARCH 5, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn, Diana Broomell, Council Manager James Massey, Director of Administration Alfred Wein, Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan, Finance Director Winston Robinson, Budget Manager Craig Whiteford, Economic Development Director Lisa Webb, Information Technology Director Scott Mesneak, Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, Administrative Assistant Robin McCann, 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](http://www.ccgov.org).

**CLOSED SESSION - February 19, 2013**

**Present at Closed Session:** Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn, Diana Broomell; Council Manager James Massey, and Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**10:00 a.m.**

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Maryland Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government 10-508 (a) (1) to discuss a personnel matter relating to the appointment of an individual to the Council Attorney position. Motion carried unanimously.

Council members agreed to direct the Council Manager to re-advertise the Expression of Interest for a Council Attorney, and contact the two applicants who submitted their application to verify their interest in the position.

**ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION**

**12:20 PM**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 10:16 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve the February 19, 2013 Worksession Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the February 19, 2013 Afternoon Workshop Meeting Minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve the February 19, 2013 Closed Session Meeting Minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Council Video Recording Update**

Information Director Scott Mesneak presented a brief overview of the Council video recording equipment.

Director Mesneak suggested the Council send a thank you correspondence to Computer Management Solutions and Sony for the donation of the video recording equipment.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Council video recording equipment.

Members of the Council concurred to proceed with video recording the Worksession and Council Legislative meetings.

### **HB390 State Pensions**

Councilwoman Broomell presented a brief overview of the HB390 State Pensions.

President Hodge reviewed the draft letter in support of the HB390 State Pension.

Members of the Council concurred to send a letter of support for the HB390 State Pension letter to the Maryland legislature.

### **Council Rules and Procedures**

Council Manager James Massey reviewed the recommended changes regarding the Council Proposed Rules and Procedures.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Council Proposed Rules and Procedures.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve seeking an opinion on what items the Council can vote on during a Worksession. Motion carried unanimously.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve the Council to individually contact Attorney Jason Allison for legal opinions.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the motion for Council to individually contact Attorney Jason Allison for legal opinions.

VOTE: Hodge - N, McCarthy - N, Bowsbey - N, Dunn - Y, Broomell - Y. Motion failed by a vote of 2 in favor and 3 in opposition.

President Hodge suggested that Attorney Jason Allison review the Proposed Council Rules and Procedures after the Council has approved them.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to seek an opinion to clarify the use of audio statement recording for minutes.

President Hodge suggested that Attorney Jason Allison has already stated his opinion regarding the audio recording statement.

VOTE: Hodge - N, McCarthy - N, Bowsbey - N, Dunn - Y, Broomell - Y. Motion failed by a vote of 2 in favor and 3 in opposition.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the audio recording statement.

Members of the Council concurred to schedule a Workshop to continue discussion regarding the Proposed Council Rules and Procedures.

#### **Afternoon Workshop Council Meetings**

Council Manager James Massey reviewed the criteria for recording the Afternoon Workshop meetings in the Elk Room.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the recording of the Afternoon Workshop meetings.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve changing the Afternoon Workshop meetings from the Perryville room to the Elk room to enable the meetings to be audio recorded.

VOTE: Hodge - Y, McCarthy - N, Bowsbey - Y, Dunn - Y, Broomell - Y. Motion carried by a vote of 4 in favor and 1 in opposition.

#### **Budget Transfers**

Council Manager James Massey reviewed the Council budget regarding budget transfers.

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

The Council agreed that the Council Manager should prepare a budget transfer so that the Council could consider a budget transfer during their Worksession. Additionally, the Council will discuss the procedures to be used to authorize travel reimbursements at the next Worksession.

#### **Council Legislative Meeting Agenda**

Director of Administration Al Wein presented a brief overview of the FY2014 Budget Presentation on the Council legislative meeting agenda.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the FY2014 Budget Presentation.

Council members agreed to forward their major concerns regarding the Landfill and Wastewater treatment rates to the Council Manager.

Economic Development Director Lisa Webb presented a brief overview regarding Resolution 09-2013; Enterprise Zone on the Council legislative meeting agenda.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding Resolution 09-2013.

President Hodge reviewed the Introduction of Resolutions on the Council legislative meeting agenda.

Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan provided a brief overview of Resolution 13-2013; Consent Order on the Council legislative meeting agenda.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding Resolution 13-2013.

Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and Staff presented a brief overview of Resolution 14-2013; Letter of Support - Watershed Assistance Grant on the Council legislative meeting agenda.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding Resolution 14-2013.

President Hodge continued to review the Introduction of Resolution 15-2013; Adoption of Property Tax Rate; and 16-2013; Capital Improvement Program on the Council legislative meeting agenda.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding Resolution 15-2013, and Resolution 16-2013.

President Hodge reviewed the Consideration of Resolutions 07-2013; Appointments to the Public Library Trustees, and Resolution 08-2013; Appointments to the Mental Health Core Service Agency Advisory Board.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding Resolution 07-2013, and Resolution 08-2013.

### **Council Items**

Vice President McCarthy commented on the Weed Control Advisory Committee, Landfill and Seneca Point Tour, FY2014 Budget, and the Transportation Investment Plan.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the Seneca Point Tour, Maryland Stormwater Management Symposium, Pleasant View Baptist Church Drug Awareness Event, Rising Sun Drug Awareness Event, Health Resources in Action program with Lisa Wolfe, and Cecil County Volunteer Fire Company Recruitment and Retainment meeting.

Councilman Dunn commented on the Rising Sun Annual National Rifle Association dinner being held on Saturday, March 9th at 7:30 pm.

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented on the Landfill and Seneca Point Tour, and the Public Hearing regarding Mass Transit sponsored by the Commission on Aging.

President Hodge commented on the proposal by the Governor O'Malley regarding Mass Transit Support, and thanked the public for attending the Worksession.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

#### **11:04 AM**

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Maryland Annotated Code, State Government 10-508 (a) (1) to discuss a personnel matter relating to the appointments of the Redistricting Commission, and the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee. Council members and staff. Motion carried unanimously.