

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
April 2, 2013

PRESENT: Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn, Diana Broomell, Council Manager James Massey, Finance Director Winston Robinson, Information Technology Director Scott Mesneak, 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.

CLOSED SESSION MINUTES: March 26, 2013

Present at Closed Session: Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Diana Broomell, Michael Dunn, and Joyce Bowsbey; Council Manager James Massey and Robin McCann, Administrative Assistant.

CLOSED SESSION

10:00 a.m.

On motion made by Councilman McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government §10-508 (a)(1) to discuss a personnel matter relating to the council attorney position. Motion carried unanimously.

Council members reviewed the applications for the Council Attorney position.

ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION

10:25 a.m.

On motion made by Councilman Dunn, seconded by Councilman McCarthy, the Council moved to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 10:25 a.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve the March 26, 2013 Worksession Meeting Minutes, with an amendment to page 2, paragraph 3, insert "Council has also received copies of the MDE sludge permit application". Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to approve the March 26, 2013 Closed Session Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Council Video Recording Update

Information Technology Director Scott Mesneak presented a brief update regarding the Council Legislative meeting Video Recordings.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Council Legislative meeting Video Recordings.

President Hodge requested Director Scott Mesneak to determine the cost of taping Worksessions, Workshops, and Legislative sessions. Director Mesneak was asked to find other vendors and what their cost would be. He was also asked to investigate what customers these vendors have and obtain a sample that the Council could review.

President Hodge requested Director Scott Mesneak to research the cost to maintain both audio and video for the Legislative meetings.

Council Legislative Meeting Agenda

Council Manager James Massey reviewed the Legislative Meeting Agenda.

Director Winston Robinson provided an explanation regarding the Introduction of Resolutions 19-2013 - 34-2013.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding Resolution 28-2013; Waste Water Fund.

President Hodge discussed an amendment to change the contract period from three to five years regarding Bill 2013-01; Purchase of Development Rights regarding.

President Hodge requested Council Manager James Massey to gather additional information regarding the fiscal impact for the three and five year term for Bill 2013-01; Purchase of Development Rights.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding Bill 2013-01; Purchase of Development Rights.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager James Massey advised the Council of a change to the FY2014 Budget Hearing Schedule; and confirmed that there will be two Budget Workshops on May 14th and May 16th at 1:30 pm, Elk Room. The Budget Transfer will be handled under New Business.

President Hodge requested Council Manager James Massey add the process of Budget Transfers to the Rules of Procedures.

Council Manager James Massey advised the Council that Bill Harris is in the process of scheduling the first Redistricting Committee meeting. Planning and Zoning will present the Brownfield Legislation on June 4, 2013 at the Legislative meeting. The Neighborhood Youth Panel and VLT Grant programs will be turned over to the County Executive.

President Hodge requested Councilwoman Broomell and Council Manager James Massey to draft a Resolution regarding the VLT Grant Funding process.

Council Manager James Massey advised the Council that the Volunteer Recognition Event will be held on May 23, 2013 at the Chesapeake Bay Golf Club, and the MACo Summer Conference at the Roland Powell Convention Center, Ocean City, Maryland on August 15 - 18, 2013.

Council Items

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy had no comments.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the Drug Awareness Workshop being held at Cecil Community College on April 11, 2013 at 6:30 pm, room TC208. The General Assembly has approved the Gas Tax for Maryland. MACo has alerted Counties about HB1098; Procurement Wage, and SB799; Zero Waste, Bag and Bottle tax that failed in the House. Exelon has filed for relicensing and she is concerned about the sediment at the Conowingo Dam. She advised the Council of an update on the Maryland Board of Physicians website regarding Doctor Niaz.

Councilwoman Bowsbey had no comments.

President Hodge commented on the Parliamentary Procedures Workshop, Saturday, April 6, 2013, Cecil Leadership Institute session regarding Charter Transition on April 3, 2013, Anirban Basu Presentation regarding Labor Market Analysis on April 24, 2013, SB619; Hunting License Fees, and a request for the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway grant application for a letter of support.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to approve a letter of opposition regarding SB619; Hunting License Fees. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding SB619; Hunting License Fees.

President Hodge requested the Council Manager to draft a letter of opposition from the Council regarding SB619; Hunting License Fees.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding several letters of support and opposition.

President Hodge requested the Council Manager to add the Lower Susquehanna Heritage Greenway Organization to the Worksession Agenda for April 9, 2013.

On motion made by President Hodge, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to approve sending a letter of opposition regarding HB1098; Prevailing Wage Rate. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

10:13 AM

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, 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 Council Attorney position. Council members and staff. Motion carried unanimously.