

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
April 16, 2013

PRESENT: Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowlsbey, Michael Dunn, Diana Broomell, Director of Administration Al Wein, Council Manager James Massey, Finance Director Winston Robinson, Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff, Administrative Assistant Robin McCann, members of the press, and members of the public.

Absent first half of Worksession: 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.

CLOSED SESSION

10:40 a.m.

On motion made by Councilman McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowlsbey, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government §10-508 (a) Pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government, Title 10, Subtitle 5, Section 10-508 (a)(4) to discuss matters pertaining to the proposal for a business to expand in the county. Council and staff, County Executive, Director of Administration, Economic Development Director, Budget Manager, County Attorney; and (1) to discuss a personnel matter relating to the Council Attorney position. Council and staff. Motion carried unanimously.

Present at Closed Session: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Diana Broomell, Michael Dunn, and Joyce Bowlsbey; Council Manager James Massey, Robin McCann, Administrative Assistant, Director of Administration Al Wein and Budget Manager Craig Whiteford.

Director of Administration Al Wein and Budget Manager Whiteford presented a proposal for a business to expand in the county.

The Council discussed the applications received for the Council Attorney position. The Council directed Council Manager Massey to review the applications and prepare a list of the proposed rates for legal service provided by the applicants for the next Worksession meeting.

ADJOURNMENT CLOSED SESSION

12:30 p.m.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilman Bowsbey, the Council moved to adjourn the Closed Session meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve the April 9, 2013 Worksession Meeting Minutes with amendments as follows: "add" the following requests that were discussed with Congressman Andy Harris to the minutes -

1. Request remediation from the Federal Government for the residents that had their water supply contaminated by the Pearce Creek Dredge Spoil Site.
2. Request intervention in the Exelon FERC Relicensing of the Conowingo Dam to insure sediment behind the dam is addressed.
3. Request support in obtaining funding and designation of HIDTA for Cecil County.
4. Request legislation that states with a Prescription Drug Monitoring Program must share information with an adjoining State.
5. Request intervention to cancel a doctor's ability to write prescriptions after their medical license has been revoked in a state.
6. Request from the Army Corps of Engineers the well reports from 1995 to present related to Pearce Creek.

Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Closed Session Minutes

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve the April 9, 2013 Closed Session Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Mason Dixon Trail Update

President James Hooper provided a brief overview regarding the Mason Dixon Trail.

President Hodge requested Council Manager James Massey to provide Mr. Hooper with a copy of the Cecil County Bus Service schedule.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Mason Dixon Trail.

President Hodge requested Councilwoman Broomell to provide Mr. Hooper with the contact information for Perry Point.

Redistricting Commission Update

President Hodge notified the Council that Chairman William Harris has resigned from the Redistricting Commission.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by President Hodge, the Council moved to approve the appointment of Michael W. Dawson to Chairman of the Redistricting Committee. Motion failed by a vote of 2 in favor and 2 in opposition.

VOTE: Hodge - Y, McCarthy - Absent, Bowsbey - Y, Dunn - N, Broomell - N.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the appointment to the Redistricting Commission.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to postpone a new appointment until the applications have been reviewed by the Council. Motion carried by a vote of 3 in favor and 1 in opposition.

VOTE: Hodge - Y, McCarthy - Absent, Bowsbey - N, Dunn - Y, Broomell - Y.

President Hodge requested Council Manager James Massey to submit a press release seeking applications to fill the vacant seat on the Redistricting Commission. Deadline is Monday, April 22, 2013.

North East River Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan and staff provided as brief update regarding the North East River Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant CIP project.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the North East River Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant.

President Hodge requested Department of Public Works Director Scott Flanigan to provide the Council with a current list of sewer allocations that have been issued.

Municipal Financial Group Michael Maker provided a brief overview regarding the North East River Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant Rate Study.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the North East River Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant Rate Study.

Review Council Legislative Meeting Agenda

Council Manager James Massey reviewed the Council Legislative Meeting Agenda.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Council Legislative Meeting Agenda.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager James Massey gave the Council an update on the following: the first meeting of the Citizen's Budget Advisory Board meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, May 7, 2013,

Redistricting Commission meeting is scheduled their first meeting for May 15, 2013 at 7:00 pm in the Elk room, IT Director Scott Mesneak is working on pricing proposals from various vendors for the Worksession Video Recordings, and the Administration confirmed the Bay Cabinet meeting for Thursday, May 30, 2013 at 9:30 am at the Donaldson Brown Center. He asked Council to confirm their MACo Summer Conference attendance, and reminded the Council of Anirban Basu presentation on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 8:00 am in the Elk room.

Council Items

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Councilman McCarthy had no comments.

Councilwoman Bowsbey attended the Employee Recognition Luncheon on April 10, 2013, and the Commission on Aging Board meeting on April 10, 2013. She gave a presentation to Charles County Charter Board regarding her experience with Charter Home Rule. She attended Earth Day at Elkton Middle School, and announced to the public that Point to Point will be at Fair Hill, Sunday, April 21, 2013.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the Drug Awareness Event held on Thursday, April 11, 2013, and invited the public to join the River Sweep Event scheduled for Saturday, April 20, 2013.

President Hodge reminded the Council that Anirban Basu will be presenting at 8:00 am on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. He announced that the Closed Session scheduled for today, April 16, 2013 is canceled.

ADJOURNMENT

12:24 AM

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.