

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
April 30, 2013

PRESENT: Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowsbey, Michael Dunn, Diana Broomell, Council Manager James Massey, Director of Administration Al Wein, County Attorney Jason Allison, Executive Office Administrator Vicky Rinkerman, 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.

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowsbey, seconded by Vice President McCarthy, the Council moved to approve the April 23, 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 April 23, 2013 Closed Session Meeting minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Redistricting Commission Update

President Hodge reviewed the process for appointing a member and chair to the Redistricting Commission.

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to convene in closed session after the Worksession meeting to discuss the applications received for the Redistricting Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Procedure for Budget Public Hearing

Council Manager Massey reviewed the suggestions for the budget public hearing, which includes providing one sign-in sheet for all budget legislation, providing the sign-in sheet for the public hearing in the lobby of the building at 6:00 p.m., having staff available to answer questions, and having copies of the proposed legislation available to the public.

Council members discussed the suggestions for the budget public hearing relative to the process for the public hearings.

On motion made Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to conduct the budget bill and resolutions as individual public hearings. Motion died for lack of a second.

On motion made by Councilman Dunn, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to combine all budget related legislation into one public hearing with a five (5) minute time limit per person for public comment.

Discussion ensued regarding the time limit for public comments.

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

The budget related legislation will be considered by the Council at the May 21, 2013 Legislative meeting.

Council Attorney

President Hodge reviewed the decision relative to the council attorney position. Council Manager Massey provided the Council a draft of a resolution relative to appointing legal counsel.

Council members provided their comments in support and opposition to appointing an attorney specifically for the Council.

President Hodge advised the Council that the proposed resolution ~~will~~ ~~would~~ be introduced at the May 21, 2013 Council meeting. (amended 5/7/13)

Council Manager Report

Council Manager Massey advised the Council that he contacted the Army Corp of Engineers and was advised that a meeting has been scheduled with the Department of the Environment to discuss the proposed design for Pearce Creek; a meeting will be scheduled with the Council after this meeting and other interested parties have been contacted and advised of the proposed meeting; ~~and~~ two rezoning cases have been scheduled for the Council on June 4, 2013; and an orientation has been scheduled on June 4 with the Planning and Zoning Department to review the process. (amended 5/7/13)

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed design for Pearce Creek.

Council agreed to direct Council Manager Massey to contact the Army Corp of Engineers for further information on the proposed plan for Pearce Creek.

Council Member Items

Councilwoman Bowsbey commented on a meeting at Senior Services;; a gamelan performance from Indonesia, Singereley Fire Company building dedication, and the Upper Bay Expressions of Healing exhibit at the Arts Council. (amended 5/7/13)

Councilwoman Broomell inquired about a proposal for the Indonesian organization to form a 501(C) 3 through the county.

Director of Administration Wein advised the Council that on the advice of legal counsel, the county did not proceed with forming a 501(C) 3 for the organization through the county.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the work of the Clean Chesapeake Coalition, volunteer luncheon for Senior Services, and a phone conference for the Upper Shore Regional Council.

Vice President McCarthy commented on an explosion that occurred in Cecilton, a concern from Cecilton Mayor Zang regarding an increase in street crime, an amendment to Resolution 38-2013, volunteer luncheon for Senior Services, and the Clean Chesapeake Coalition meeting.

Councilman Dunn commented on a proposed Second Amendment Preservation Resolution, which will be forwarded to the Council for review.

Discussion ensued regarding the proposed amendments to Resolution 38-2013 and the proposed Second Amendment Preservation Resolution.

President Hodge advised the Council that this item would be scheduled for discussion at the next meeting of the Council.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the information provided on the website relative to the proposed upgrades to the North East River Wastewater Treatment Plant, and other information that has been provided relative to this issue.

President Hodge requested factual information in writing on other alternatives to the proposed upgrades to the North East River Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Councilwoman Broomell advised the Council that she has posted information on her blog site and has started a fact sheet that she will forward to Council members.

CLOSED SESSION

10:05 AM

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowsbey, the Council moved to convene in closed session pursuant to the Annotated Code of Maryland, State Government, Title 10, Subtitle 5, Section 10-508 (a) (1) to discuss a personnel matter relating to the appointment to the Redistricting Commission.

The closed session meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.