

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY
WORKSESSION MINUTES
May 28, 2013

PRESENT: Council members: President Robert Hodge, Vice President Alan McCarthy, Joyce Bowlsbey, Michael Dunn, and Diana Broomell; Council Manager James Massey, Director of Administration Al Wein, Director of Finance Winston Robinson, Budget Manager Craig Whiteford, 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.

Approval of Minutes

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Bowlsbey, the Council moved to approve the May 21, 2013 Worksession Meeting Minutes, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Post-Budget Process Analysis

President Hodge led discussion regarding the Post-Budget Process Analysis.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Post-Budget Process Analysis.

The Council Manger agreed to work with administration to develop a template for next year, which will be presented to the Council for their review.

Bay Cabinet Agenda

President Hodge asked the Council if they had any recommendations or changes regarding the Bay Cabinet Meeting Agenda.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Bay Cabinet Meeting Agenda. The Council requested the administration to include Council comments to the agenda.

Director of Administration Al Wein advised the Council that Attorney Chip MacLeod will be attending the Bay Cabinet meeting and the Conowingo Dam Tour.

Encouragement of Local Hiring - Discussion

President Hodge presented a brief overview regarding the Encouragement of Local Hiring.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding local hiring.

President Hodge advised the Council that he would like the Council and the County Executive to work with him regarding legislation to require General Contractors, hired by the County, to make a good faith effort to use employees, vendors and sub-contractors from Cecil County.

Council Manager Report

Council Manager James Massey advised the Council of the items on the Worksession Agenda for June 4, 2013. The Council was reminded of a tour of the Baltimore Harbor planned on June 18, 2013 by the Maryland Port Authority.

Council Member Items

Councilwoman Bowlsbey attended the Council Scholarship Awards Ceremony at Elkton High School on Thursday, May 23, 2013, and on Tuesday, May 28, 2013 she attended the (BEPAC) Business and Education Recognition Breakfast at Cecil College.

Councilwoman Broomell commented on the Providence School and BEPAC addressing the high dropout rate within Cecil County, she spoke to Director Tom Carr of the Washington/Baltimore High Intensity Drug Trafficking area regarding the Letters of Support sent to Congressman Andy Harris. She also advised the Council that Director Doris Mason is seeking a Treasurer from Cecil County. President Hodge asked that the designation of the second member of the Upper Shore Regional Council be included on the June 4, 2013 Worksession Agenda.

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy advised the Council at the request of Michael W. Dawson he will be presenting Bill 2013-06 at the next Legislative Worksession on Tuesday, June 4, 2013 regarding the Cecil County Seal.

Members of the Council provided their comments regarding the Cecil County Seal.

President Hodge requested Council Manager James Massey to add the Resolution to the Worksession Agenda for June 4, 2013.

President Hodge advised the Council that the Department of Public Works will be holding a Public Workshop to present the current status of the Capital Improvement Project for Racine School Road at the Elk Neck Elementary School on Wednesday, June 5, 2013 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, he advised the Council that the Town of North East sent a letter regarding a property annexation application, and he reminded the Council of the Employee Manual Discussion Workshop at 1:30 pm.

On motion made by Vice President McCarthy, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council President adjourned the meeting at 11:47 am.