# COUNTY COUNCIL OF CECIL COUNTY WORKSESSION MINUTES June 18, 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, 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 <a href="www.ccgov.org">www.ccgov.org</a>.

President Hodge advised the public that the Council would be leaving for a tour of the Port of Baltimore after the Worksession meeting.

# **Approval of Minutes**

On motion made by Councilwoman Broomell, seconded by Councilman Dunn, the Council moved to approve an amendment to the June 11, 2013 Worksession Meeting Minutes on page 2, under Council Policies and Procedures add the proposed amendments that were discussed. Motion carried by a vote of 4 in favor and 1 in opposition.

On motion made by Councilwoman Bowlsbey, seconded by Councilwoman Broomell, the Council moved to approve the minutes, as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

# **Emergency Resolution 66-2013**

Councilwoman Bowlsbey requested the President and Council consider for introduction Emergency Resolution 66-2013 – Major Facilities Fee – Postponement of Rate Increase.

Councilwoman Broomell provided her comments relative to the introduction of Resolution 66-2013 and her opinion relative to the issues with the upgrades to the Seneca Point Wastewater Treatment Plant and proposed increase in fees.

Members of the Council provided their comments relative to Resolution 66-2013.

Director of Administration Wein advised the Council that County Attorney Allison would provide a recommendation and discuss the process for the Council to consider Resolution 66-2013 in more detail at the Legislative meeting.

## **Council Manager Report**

Council Manager James Massey advised the Council that at the June 25, 2013 Worksession meeting, the Council will be presenting a certificate to several Public Works employees recognizing their achievements, and residents from Holland Acres would be attending the meeting to discuss stormwater management issues.

### **Council Member Items**

Councilwoman Bowlsbey advised the Council that Paige Howard, Executive Director of Mount Harmon, has requested a letter of support for an educational project at the facility.

Council members had no objections to the letter of support. President Hodge directed Council Manager Massey to draft the letter of support for signature by all Council members.

Councilwoman Broomell advised the Council that she would not be attending the Port of Baltimore tour due to attending the funeral of Hazel Jenkins, who had a huge impact in the Colora community. She continued commenting on the issue with the closed session minutes from May 7, 2013, editorial submitted to Cecil Times, articles in the Cecil Guardian, and removal of a member of the Ethics Commission by the County Executive.

Councilman Dunn had no comments.

Vice President McCarthy announced that Drug Court is scheduled for next Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. and he suggested that Council members plan to attend the court session to observe how drug cases are handled. He commented on an article in the News Journal relative to the Delaware casinos.

Councilwoman Broomell advised the Council that Drug Court is no longer accepting individuals who are involved in a methadone treatment program.

President Hodge advised the public that there is a Citizens Corner meeting at 6:00 p.m. and a Legislative meeting at 7:00 p.m. this evening. He stated that members of the Ethics Commission should put any issues in writing to the County Executive and provide a copy to the Council.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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